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Somewhere in France,
To-day.

The French military spokesman confirmed in an interview with Havas last evening that France will continue to fight south of Paris.

German mechanised units progressing rapidly south from the Seine were stopped by French troops and the front was still intact.

Nevertheless it is generally admitted that the French troops are exhausted after the serious losses and unceasing attacks of the last 10 days and nights.

Supplies have been very difficult; divisions have been reduced to battalions.

The immediate arrival of supplies and reinforcements is considered the only chance of maintaining the French positions south of the Seine.

Military observers admit the French air force is outnumbered by German aviation but the arrival of planes from the United States is showing results both in quantity and quality.

The speedy delivery of planes from America is held to be essential if the situation is not to become aggravated.—Havas.

SCHARNHORST HIT BY BOMBS

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communiqué says that aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out an attack on German naval units in Trondheim Fjord early on Thursday.

Information now received says that one hit abaft the funnel was obtained with a heavy bomb on the battleship Scharnhorst.

It is also reported that possibly a second hit was registered on the same ship.—Reuter.

MORE SUPPLIES RELEASED FOR ALLIES

Washington, To-day.
More war supplies are being released by the United States Government for the Allies, according to a statement by Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of

Somewhere in France, To-day.
"THE ARMY IS FIGHTING magnificently and is holding out against overwhelming odds," was the remark made to Reuter's special correspondent by a high R.A.F. officer who had just flown over the lines.

The officer added there was no need for unwarranted panic.

The conditions were tough and they were fighting over unprepared ground but the enemy was also entering country which was comparatively unstudied.—Reuter.

Air Cooperation

London, To-day.
An Air Ministry communiqué says that throughout Thursday bomber formations continued to support the Allied troops by bombing bridgeheads on the Seine, and also attacking enemy concentrations east of Rouen.

Five of our aircraft are missing.

During the night large numbers of our heavy bombers attacked military objectives and enemy convoys from Rouen to the Maginot Line.

Ammunition dumps exploded and forests occupied by the enemy set on fire. One of our aircraft failed to return.—Reuter.

French Air Activity

Somewhere in France, To-day.
The French Air Ministry states they are continuing their action in the battle.

Our light and heavy formations have attacked road junctions, communications and enemy columns on the whole front. Armoured columns were dispersed. Our fighters carried out protective

END OF CASH AND CARRY SOUGHT

New York, To-day.
Several New York shipping officials are conferring with the Government authorities in Washington on the possibility of making some arrangement for American ships to take supplies to the Allies despite the Neutrality Law provisions. They are said to be hopeful that something along these lines can be worked out.—Reuter.

the Anglo-French purchasing commission. A considerable part of the supplies came from the ordnance side.—Reuter.

flights and fought several successful battles.—Reuter.

French Communiqué

Paris, To-day.
The French evening communiqué said that from the sea to the Argonne the battle continued on the whole front but at certain points with less violence.

The withdrawal ordered and announced in the morning communiqué was effected according to plan. Our troops counter-attacked several times.

In the morning the enemy launched a very violent attack accompanied by tanks and aircraft against our positions west of the Saar.

It was repulsed with heavy losses.
On Thursday night a special

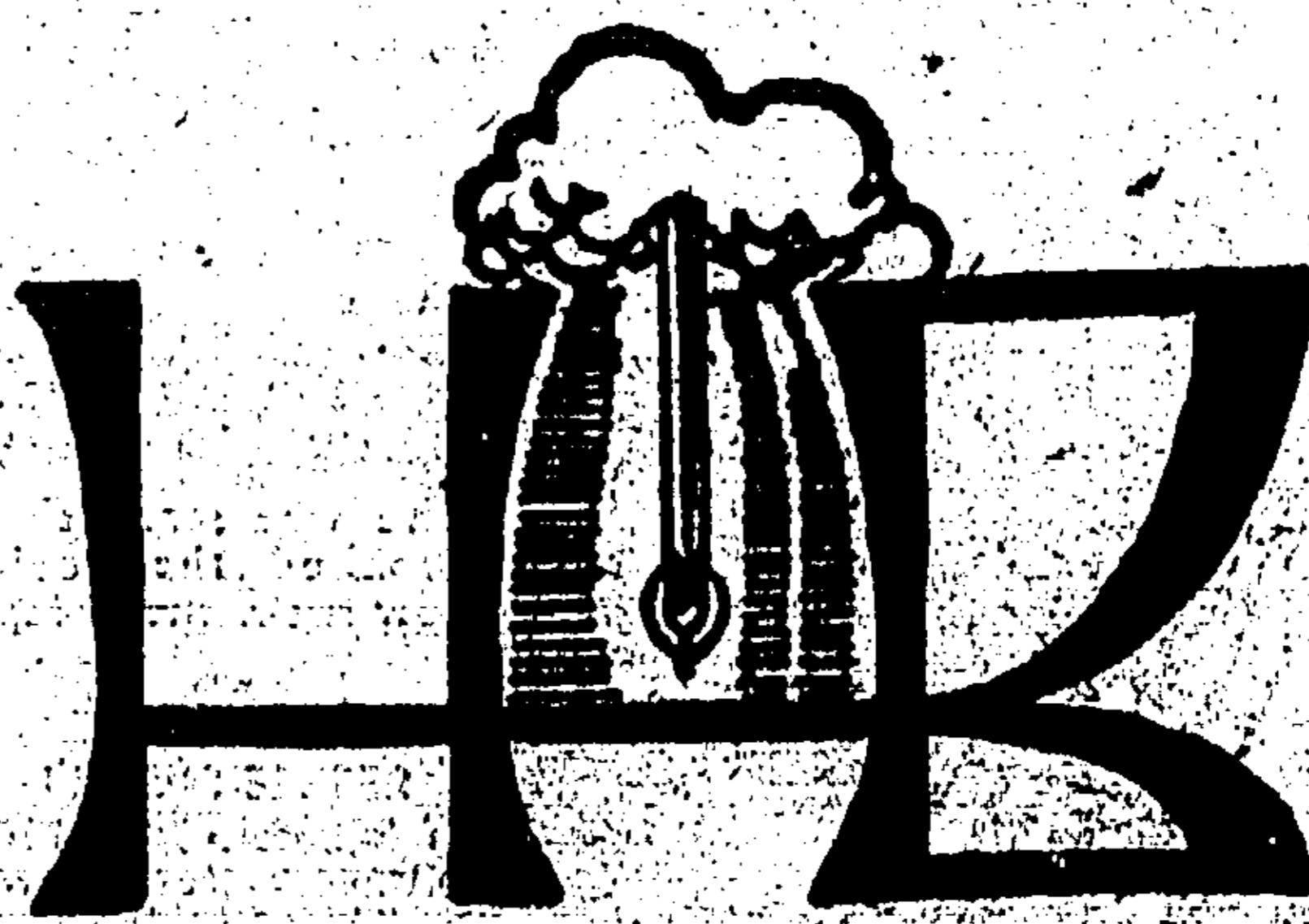
AMERICANS DISPIRITED

Washington, To-day.
News of the fall of Paris left Americans dispirited and sad, but it is too early to say what effect it will have on American policy.

Paris has long been the mecca for Americans going abroad and many love it only second to their own capital.—Reuter.

formation of the fleet aircraft, commanded by Captain Dailliers, bombed and set on fire storage tanks in the region of Venice.
Another formation dropped pamphlets on Rome.—Reuter.

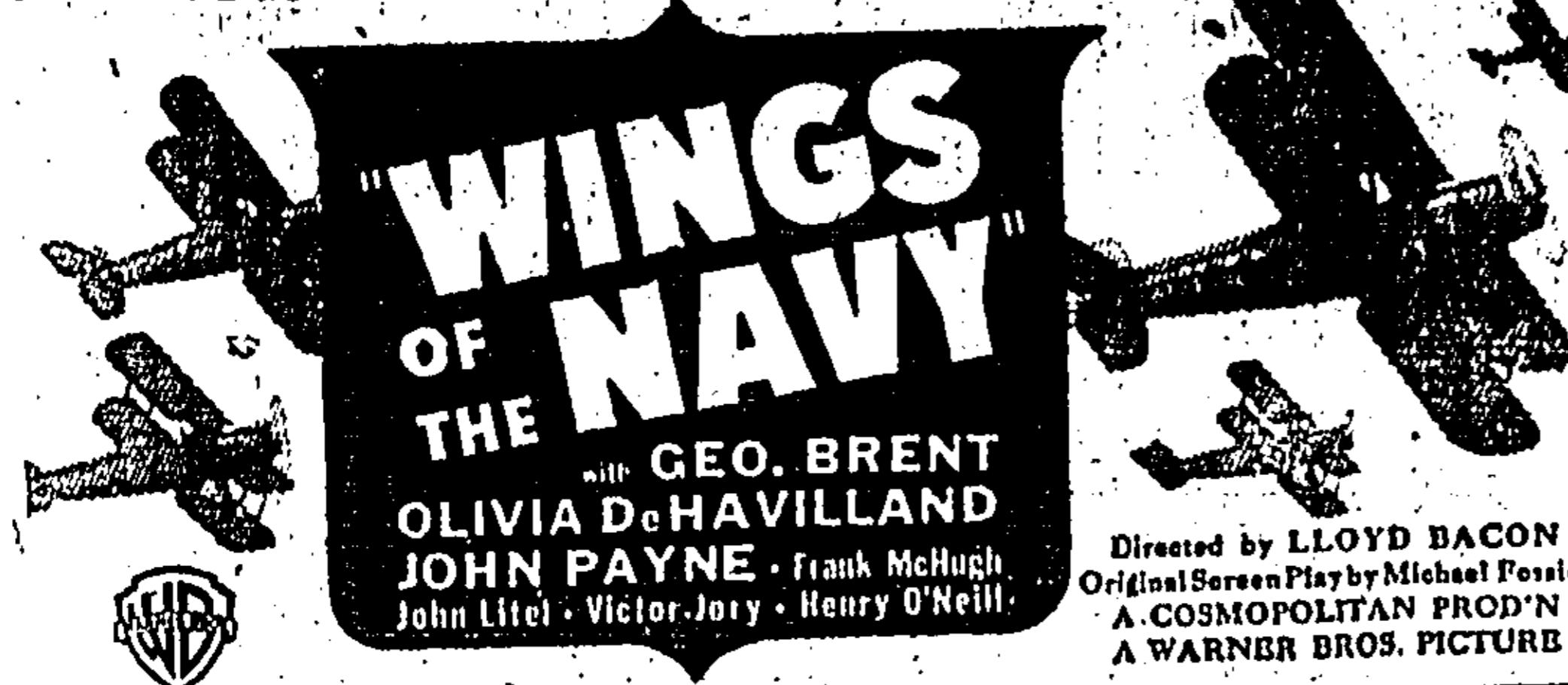
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BRITAIN BUYS BASES IN EIRE

BRITAIN HAS PAID EIRE £50,000,000 for the right to take over camps, fortresses and air and sea bases formerly held by Britain. They include those given up when the Free State was first formed and those handed over last year.

This time Britain has got her blow in first. Any plans which Germany may have made for an attack through Eire have been checkmated. And Eire has also given assurances that any would-be quislings will receive short shrift.

Virtually without means of self-defence, Eire has long been regarded as the weak link in Britain's safety, and given great concern to our military chiefs.

This week the two countries considered the matter under the mask of negotiations for the development of food supplies.

Mr. de Valera has given his assurance that anti-Government activities financed by Germany will be sternly repressed. It is no secret that the growth of I.R.A. atrocities backed by foreign support have caused the Eire Government considerable anxiety.

CHECK GERMANS

Eire has realised that the prospects of a continued independent existence unless she comes within the British defensive system are almost nil.

Britain's new move will strike a blow at the energetic, even impudent, activities of German nationals living under the cloak of the Legation in Dublin.

Already Britain has large concentrations of troops in Northern Ireland ready to move in any direction from which danger threatens.

'OUR BERT' IS FIRST LORD

The nation may call the First Lord of the Admiralty Mr. A. V. Alexander, but in Barton Hill, Bristol, he is just Our Bert.

He lost his father when he was a baby. Later he went to Barton Hill elementary school, where he won local fame as a footballer.

Mr. William Sibley, of Richmond-street, one of his schoolboy friends, said "I was one of a group that went with Bert to discussions at Barton Hill Adult School on Sunday mornings at 8.30.

"We were not allowed to smoke on the premises, so we used to meet in the boiler house.

"Bert always said that those boiler house discussions formed the views which he still holds to-day.

Mr. Alexander's mother, Mrs. E. J. Alexander, still has a corset business at the Triangle, Clifton, and his sister, Miss Dora Alexander, is head mistress of a Bristol school.

BOY MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

Denver.
Such words as Ixtaccihuatl, Popocatepetl and Orizaba aren't just tongue-twisters to young Bobby Melzer—they're more mountains to climb.

Bobby, who last summer "washed up" the job of climbing all peaks higher than 14,000 feet in the United States—64 of them—is going to try to scale Mexico's highest seven peaks this summer. Orizaba, the highest, rises 18,314 feet, topping Pikes Peak by 4,214 feet.

JAPANESE PAY WAR DAMAGES

Shanghai, June 7.

Settlement of the long-pending claim of the American-owned Shanghai University against the Japanese armed forces here for war damages was announced to-day as Japanese naval authorities paid the school authorities Mex. \$1,060,000.

The settlement constituted but 26 per cent. of the university's original claims against the Japanese but due to the difficulty of proving the balance of the claims the Americans accepted the payment.

Shanghai University is the property of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society with headquarters in New York. It is located on the outskirts of Shanghai. The university suffered damages with the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities here in August 1937, after which Japanese forces occupied the property and were alleged to have looted the building of valuable furnishings including scientific equipment.

The property now has been returned to the American control without any strings attached. They are hopeful of reopening the university for Chinese students within a reasonable time.

The settlement was the climax of two years of negotiations. It constitutes payment of one of the outstanding American claims against the Japanese forces in China.—Associated Press.

SECRET MAIL WAS DEAD MAN'S ASHES

When she arrived in New York after a harrowing trip from Stockholm, Mrs. Ole Hagen, wife of the U.S. Naval Attaché in Stockholm, told how she guarded a diplomatic "mail pouch" which officials gave her as she left Sweden.

She had to travel home through Germany and Italy. She knew nothing of the contents of the pouch, but was simply told to deliver it safely to officials at the American Embassy in Berlin.

All the way Mrs. Hagen knew that she was being watched.

"In the train going to Berlin two German officers in my compartment eyed the pouch and watched me until I could scarcely sit still," she said.

On arriving in Berlin, she handed the pouch to the American Embassy officials—and only then learned that she had been carrying the ashes of Captain Robert Losey, U.S. Air Attaché in Norway, who was killed by a bomb in Lillehammer.

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London, To-day.

MR. HAROLD NICHOLSON, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, speaking at Leicester yesterday, said: "It may be within the next few days that Hitler may launch his peace offensive and will assure the peoples of France and Britain he has no desire to subjugate their countries but that all he desires is their complete disarmament."

"He will say to us that we may keep our Empire (apart from such colonies he may desire for himself) but that we must abandon our free democratic institutions and accept a government nominated from Berlin and at the same time surrender our fleet to Germany and Italy.

"The moment that he obtains our fleet he would sweep upon London and from there would slowly, carefully and thoroughly stamp out our liberties and reduce our working people to the level of slaves."

After praising the amazing fighting qualities of the French troops, Mr. Nicholson said: "There must come a moment when the German armoured divisions will break down from lack of petrol and lubricants and when their men will drop from fatigue.

"It might well be that the moment of exhaustion will come as the French hold them south of Paris, entrenching themselves until our own army and equipment could come to their assistance.

Defeatism A Triumph

"At such a moment as this, defeatism becomes a triumph.

"It is not wise or necessary to think only of northern France. It will not be upon the dry land of Europe that this war will be won.

"It will be upon the seas and in the air and in distant continents so soon as the unlimited resources of the British Empire and of the Americas can be mobilised to turn the scale." —Reuter.

WAR AFFECTS THE LAW

One effect of having "something to think about," so to speak, appears to be that the British are largely giving up the luxury of litigation.

With the opening of the spring terms in the law courts in London, judges found they had only about half as much work to do as they had last year. The number of general cases up for trial had decreased a little more than 50 per cent., compared with a year ago, and there were 60 per cent fewer commercial cases.

In the King's Bench Division only 647 cases awaited trial, compared with 1,376 at the corresponding time in 1939. Cases of a commercial nature, mostly claims for damages from accidents and personal injuries, totaled 25, compared with the 68 a year ago.

SPAIN TAKES REPRISALS

Madrid. Spanish authorities announced the execution of an undisclosed number of members of the former Republican "Fine Art Society" who were charged with responsibility for more than 20,000 political slayings during the Civil War.

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London, To-day.
INSPIRING ACCOUNTS of personal courage and resource during the recent operations in Flanders appear in connection with a list of awards made by the Commander-in-Chief.

D.S.O.'s are awarded to six officers as follows:—
Lt.-Col. H. D. K. Money, Royal Scots, who led his battalion until wounded and then insisted on being brought to brigade headquarters to report.

Colonel Dennis Walter Furlong, who assumed command of the 6th Infantry Brigade which held the enemy during 48 critical hours in the Aire-La Bassee sector notwithstanding very heavy casualties. The brigade was finally surrounded but the indomitable remnants were led back to the British lines by Col. Furlong's gallant leadership and example.

Captain Rodney George Watson, of the Royal Scots, who after the failure of a counter-attack on the Scheldt on May 21 immediately went forward and reorganized the troops with utter disregard of the personal danger, thereby saving many lives.

On May 22 he personally brought in two survivors of the counter-attack and on May 24 led a successful counter-attack.

Dorsets Surrounded

Lt.-Col. Eric Lechmen Stephenson, of the Dorsets, skilfully withdrew the remnant of his battalion on May 28 when the Dorsets were surrounded near Festubert. Col. Stephenson guided his men through the German lines and by means of swimming and wading sent them across the River Lys to the British lines.

Lt.-Col. George Patrick Miller, Cameron Highlanders, who inspired his men at La Bassee on May 28 to hold out until completely surrounded, causing the enemy many casualties.

When ordered to withdraw what remained of the battalion, Lt.-Col. Miller led his headquarters through the enemy. The Camerons' resistance prevented the enemy from turning the flank of the French troops on the Camerons' left.

40 Miles In 14 Hours

Major Leonard Francis Morling, Royal Engineers, who on May 27 at St. Venat was cut off by the enemy and with great resource led his company through an enemy column and after two more encounters with the enemy brought his company through in good order, having marched 40 miles in 14 hours.—Reuter.

Surprise Award

London, To-day.
The King yesterday decorated officer heroes of the Dunkirk evacuation during a 60-mile tour of a division of troops of the Southern Command.

Three officers received the D.S.O.—Lt.-Col. Desmond Harrison, Royal Engineers; Lt.-Col. Given, East Yorks; and Lt.-Col. Knox, Royal Ulster Rifles.

Several hundred Royal Engineers were drawn up on the field when the King left his car and inspected them.

"ACTION" OUT OF ACTION

London, To-day.
"Action," Sir Oswald Mosley's Fascist weekly publication, has ceased publication. A message sent to subscribers says this is due to the fact that most of its contributors are in prison.—Reuter.

FRENCH LEADERS DECORATED

London, To-day.
The King has approved the award of honorary Knight Commander of the Bath to the French Admiral Abrial for services in connection with the withdrawal of the Allied forces from Dunkirk.

A Knight Commandership of the Bath has been conferred on General Blanchard, and a Knight Commandership of the British Empire on General de la Laurencie in recognition of distinguished services in the recent operations in Belgium and northern France.

The companionship of the Order of the Bath is conferred on Brigadier-General Marie Emile Bethouart in recognition of distinguished service in the recent operations in Norway.—Reuter.

OCCUPATION OF TANGIER

Tangier, To-day.
The situation is calm, following the occupation of this international zone by 1,200 Spanish Moroccan troops, and it is stated that the international status is to continue.

The occupation was carried out after French authorities had been notified of the Spanish intention.—Reuter.

Madrid, To-day.

Tangier was occupied in the name of the Sultan of Morocco, it is officially stated, in order to safeguard the neutrality of the zone.

All existing services will continue to function normally.—Reuter.

GERMAN PRESS ATTACHE WARNED OFF

Mexico City, To-day.

The German press attache is now considered non persona grata by the Mexican Government, announces the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs.

His propaganda, it is stated, is deemed to be prejudicial to Mexico.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN OFFER

Sydney, To-day.
The Australian Minister of the Interior states that the Australian Government is ready, in principle, to take care of 5,000 British school-children. Details are now being worked out.—Reuter.

GUNS STILL FIRING AS BRITISH ARMED CRUISER GOES DOWN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE ARMED CRUISER SCOTSTOUN WAS SUNK ON THURSDAY BY A U-B OAT.

Two officers and four ratings are missing and it is feared they have lost their lives.

The remainder of the officers and the ship's company have landed at a British port.

The *Scotstoun* (17,000 tons) was formerly the Anchor liner *Caledonia*.

She had a complement of 350, including men from all parts of Great Britain and others from Newfoundland.

Following the explosion the crew were able to get on deck which meant the saving of many lives.

Guns Still Firing

The vessel went down with her guns still firing and the gunners up to their waist in water.

The periscope of the U-boat could be seen 250 yards away and those feeding the guns had to hold shells above their head to prevent them being damaged by water as the ship went down.

After the men had been in the lifeboats for about eight hours they stated.

were picked up by British naval craft.

The survivors believe the gun crew managed to sink the U-boat.—Reuter.

HOW LONG?

London, To-day.

Stressing the magnitude of the present German efforts, "The Times" asks: How long can they hope to maintain it on this scale?

At the same time, it warns against any hopes of a noticeable slackening just yet.

From the French point of view, the battle is to fight for time. New forces are being mobilised, new materials being assembled and sent, and fresh British troops are arriving on the scene. On the other side of the Atlantic, the spirit of the United States is stirring.—Reuter.

NO TROOPS SENT TO JAVA

London, To-day.

A statement has been issued in a Far Eastern paper that 2,000 British troops have been sent to Java. The statement is almost certainly inspired by German sources, and has now in accordance with the usual German technique been repeated on the German wireless.

The statement has been categorically denied by official circles here who state that there is no truth in the statement.—Reuter.

EAST INDIA FUND FOR WAR

Cairo, To-day.

The East India Fund for the British war services has sent £10,000 to the Air Ministry for the construction of an aircraft to be known as the "East India Flight." The Fund's contributions now total £40,000.—Reuter.

PARASHOT ARMY IS AT WORK

(By LT.-COL. T. A. LOWE)

London, May 27:

OUR "PARASHOOTERS" had a busy week-end. They have now been reinforced by mobile columns of well-trained, splendidly equipped troops, and I saw many flying columns of these men hard at work.

The link between the columns and the National Defence Volunteers will soon be as firmly established as was that between the old Regular and Territorial Armies.

This is a matter of the highest importance. At first the "Auxiliaries," the men who responded to the tune of 250,000 when the War Office sent out the call, felt that there would be no room for them in the organisation.

I am now assured that this will not be the case, that they will soon be in uniform, armed, and trained in the highly specialised duties which are bound to fall to their lot.

Some of them are already working away as if they had spent their lives looking for invaders.

BRISK BATTLE

I spent some time on Saturday night with a "Parashooter" in his observation post.

The place commanded an extensive view, and while we watched a brisk battle broke out several miles away between an enemy plane and our guns and searchlights.

The raider sheered off, but it required no stretch of the imagination to perceive the danger for which we are now prepared.

My friend had his orders and he fitted into the scheme. In a short space of time he could have summoned a flying column to his aid.

These columns are trained in a new technique, which for obvious reasons I am unable to describe. They will be able to counter anything the Germans could send, and in a prompt and smashing manner.

Neither are the "Parashooters" only concerned with parachutes. Again I cannot give away the secrets of their training, but I can promise recruits they will not be bored.

The country is now thoroughly awake to the possibility of an invasion, and so are the authorities by whom it would be countered.

HAND OVER CARTRIDGES

The War Office announced last night: "The Commander-in-Chief Home Forces asks all who are in possession of 12-bore cartridges to hand as many as possible into the nearest police station for redistribution to the local defence volunteers."

MARRIED DEAD LOVER'S PAL

A bride recently married the "bosom pal" of her former fiance, who was killed in a plane crash.

After the ceremony she placed her bridal bouquet on the grave of her former lover.

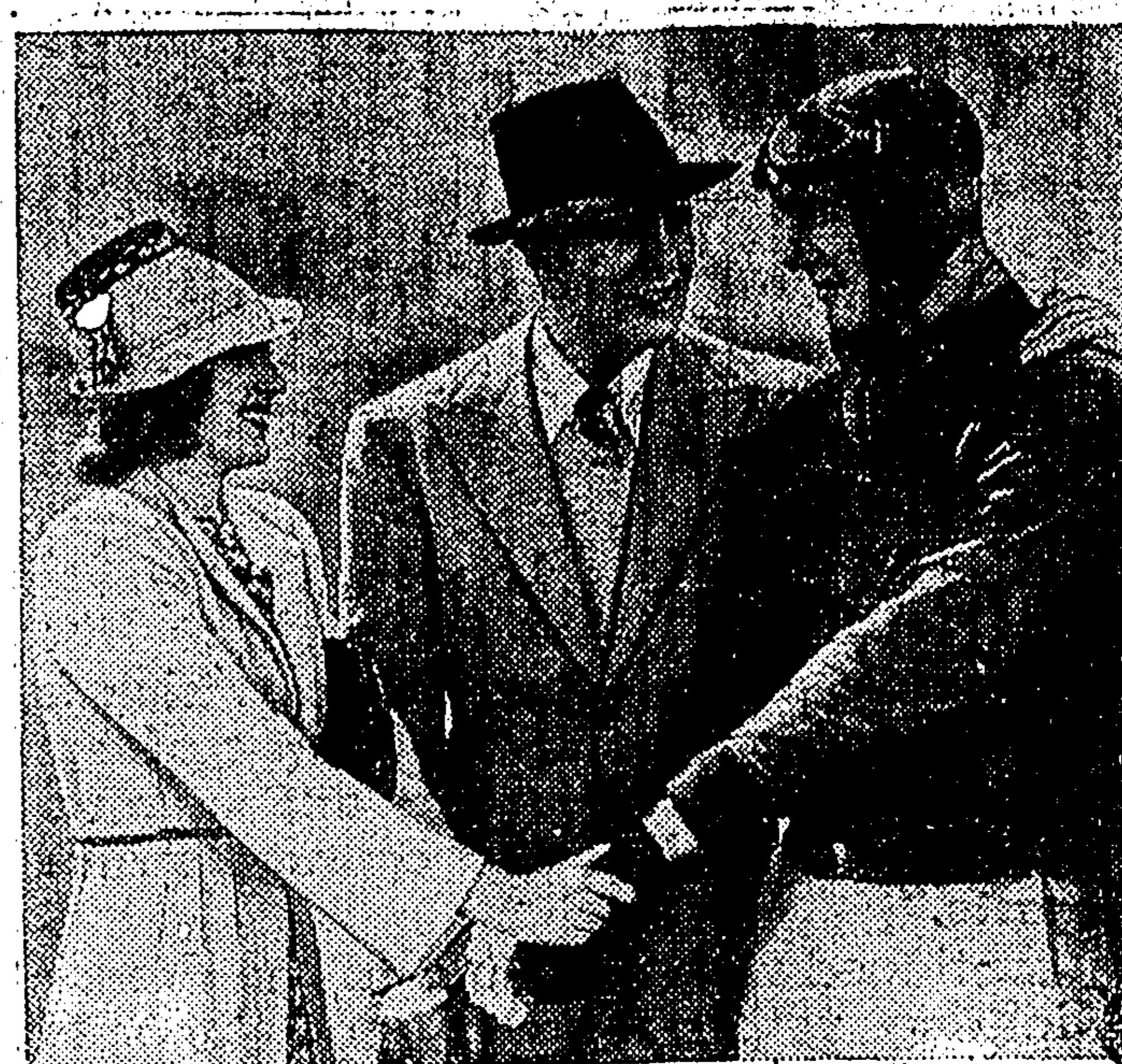
The bride was Miss Lily Tant, of Chalfont-road, Edmonton, N., who was married at Edmonton Parish Church to Stoker William Smythe, who lives a few doors away.

Miss Tant was previously engaged to twenty-year-old Edward Letch.

Edward, his brother, and Miss Tant's eight-year-old brother Jimmy were killed in a plane crash at Edmonton in September, 1938.

The O.B.E. was awarded posthumously to the two brothers for their courage in trying to rescue the pilot from the blazing plane. The decorations were presented to their widowed mother by the King at Buckingham Palace.

Stoker Smythe was on the minesweeper Dunoon when she was mined in the North Sea recently, and after being picked up he was in hospital for a week.



OFF TO THE CLOUDS—John Payne (right) bids farewell to Ol' via de Havilland and George Brent in a dramatic scene from "Wings of the Navy" which has its first local showing at the King's Theatre today.

ONLY EIGHT BAYONETS—ENEMY FLED

When eight British soldiers, led by an officer, made a furious bayonet charge upon enemy troops in Norway the Germans wavered, broke, and threw away their weapons as they ran.

This story of British heroism was revealed by Private Gorge Williams, aged nineteen, of Loughborough, one of the men of the Leicestershire Regiment, now on leave.

"I believe I am the only survivor of that fight," he said.

WITH WILD YELLS

Bombed out of hastily-improvised defences, in what one man described as "a raid lasting a fortnight," mercilessly machine-gunned by low-flying warplanes, and faced by an enemy superior in numbers and weapons, the nine Britons fought a series of rearguard actions.

The bayonet charge came after women and children nearly had been killed by enemy machine-guns. Led by Captain Ramsden, his re-

volver in one hand, a stick in the other, the eight men went over with wild yells that echoed from the hills. The Germans, staggered by the very effrontery of the attack, broke and ran.

Captain Ramsden was posted as "missing, believed killed."

ARMS FOR SWISS A.R.P.

Switzerland has armed her A.R.P. men.

The Swiss military authorities have ordered the partial arming of all passive air defence organisations.

The measure is taken to ensure the security of A.R.P. installations.—Reuter.

FLEW WITH THE ENEMY IN ERROR

AFTER SHOOTING DOWN A JUNKERS 87 BOMBER IN FLAMES AND ATTACKING THREE OTHERS, A PILOT OFFICER OF THE R.A.F. FIGHTER COMMAND NEAR ROTTERDAM FOUND HE HAD JOINED FORMATION BY MISTAKE WITH TWO MESSERSCHMITT 109 FIGHTERS.

He had used up all his ammunition and there was nothing for it but to "get out."

"I at once climbed into cloud and returned to my base," he reported afterwards.

Several Junkers tried to make head-on attacks on his Spitfire but failed.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 15, 1915.

Enemy losses at Plava are reported to be very heavy, and the Austrians have been withdrawn and transferred to the Serbian front.

A U-boat sank the trawler Argyll in the North Sea without warning. She sank in two minutes seven of the ship's company, including the captain, being drowned.

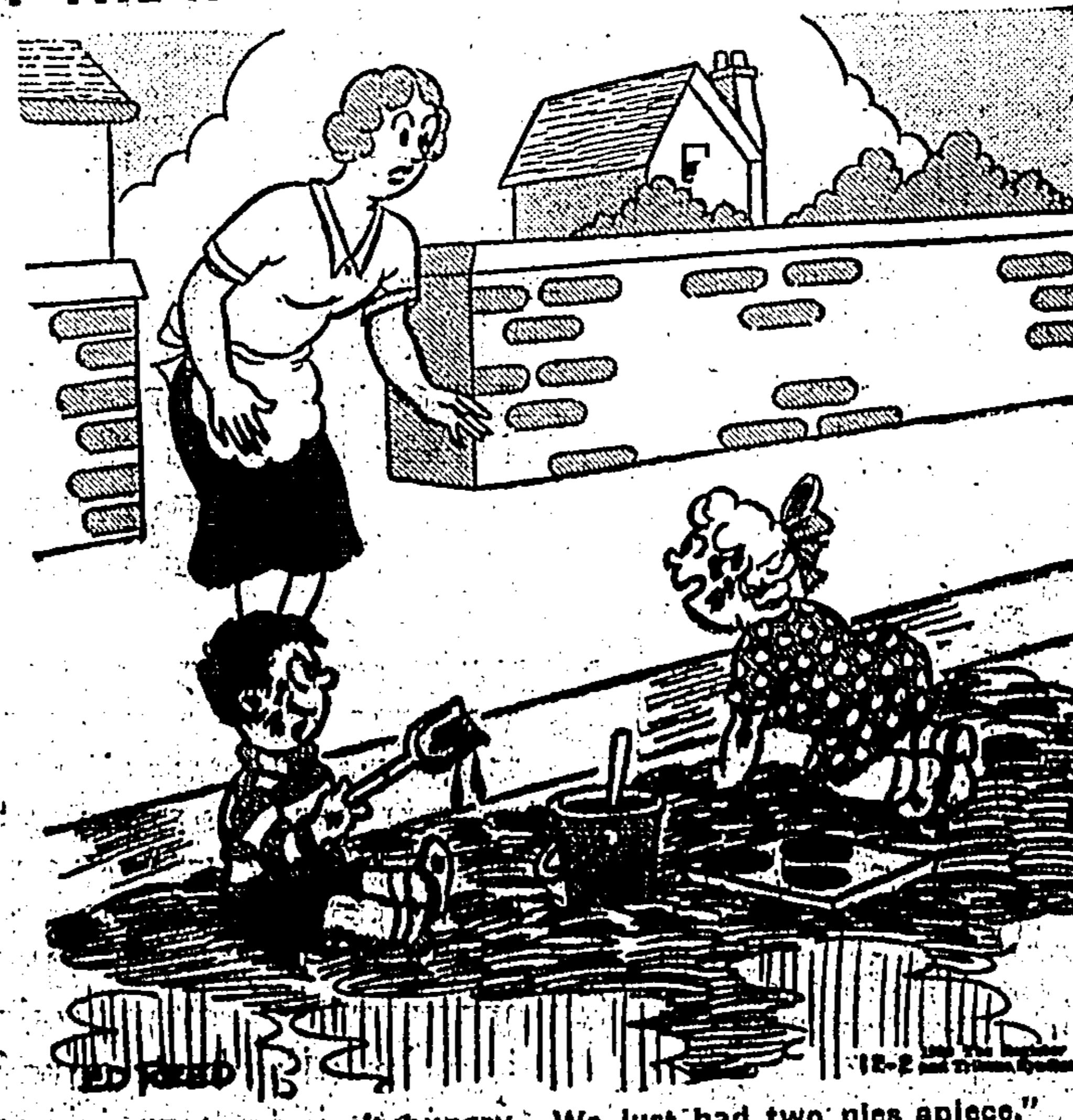
Mr. Asquith, in moving in the House of Commons a vote of credit for £250,000,000, said that this was the fourth vote of credit asked for since the outbreak of the war. There had been three such votes during the financial year 1914-1915.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

SUBJECT—"GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow, June 16th, will be—"God the Preserver of Man."

The Golden Text will be—"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress; and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" (Psalms 18: 2).

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HER MAJESTY'S BROADCAST TO WOMEN OF FRANCE

THE QUEEN, IN A BROADCAST last night to "the women of heroic and glorious France which is defending her own soil and the liberty of the world," expressed the "affection and admiration which their sufferings and courage awake in our hearts."

The Queen continued with a tribute to the French Army, fighting with an energy and tenacity never equalled in history.

"We are thinking also of French women following with heartfelt suspense the course of the immense battle in which their menfolk are engaged.

"I, who have always loved France so warmly, share your suffering and feel it."

The Queen recalled her visit to Paris with the King two years ago, "when I felt the heart of the women of France beating close to mine."

"The bearing of Frenchwomen in the war has been as noble as the bearing of the men. They have borne without complaint, invasion, bombardment, loss of their possessions and destruction of their homes.

"We know they would contribute gladly all they have, even life itself, to ensure the safety of their country.

Sooner Or Later

"A nation defended by such men and loved by such women must sooner or later attain the victory. Such a nation deserves as a right the unqualified support of all free peoples."

The Queen recalled that when she spoke in hospital to French soldiers wounded at Dunkirk and asked how they were getting on, every one, even the most severely wounded, replied cheerfully "Ca va."

"I believe whole-heartedly that after these bad days the time will come when our two peoples will, by their endurance and hard work, have made good their armaments deficiencies and will also be able to say to each other "Maintenant ca va."

Affectionate Sympathy

"This hope I owe to the courage of your wounded."

"I want to bring it to you to-night with the most affectionate sympathy of all British women who are ready in the cause of our common victory to vie with the sacrifices which are your crown and the crown of France."

—Reuter.

"DAILY MAIL" GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULT

London, To-day.

Richard Burton, the Open Champion, yesterday won the "Daily Mail" Red Cross Golf Tournament at Sunbridge Park. The tournament has virtually replaced the Open Championship.

Burton had rounds of 71, 69, 69 and 71.

Henry Cotton was second with 72, 67, 73 and 69, and Whitcombe third with 73, 71, 71 and 72.—Reuter.

HOLLAND'S LINK WITH D.E.I.

London, To-day.

Permission for the reopening of radio-telegraphic communications between Holland and the Dutch East Indies has been given by the German authorities in Holland, according to Hilversum radio.

It was stated such communications

NO DECISION REACHED YET

London, To-day.

The Göteborg newspaper "Nytud" comments: The loss of Paris does not mean that the French Republic is beaten.

Turkey, according to absolutely reliable sources, will fulfil her engagements, meaning that the young republic will join the Allies.

"Notwithstanding the Germans' extraordinarily quick successes, no decisive result has been reached yet."

The Ankara journal "Tasvirk Efkar" says: The Italians are mistaken if they think their intervention will hasten the end. The destruction of France and Britain and the parcelling out of the Empire is not so easy that it can be achieved by Italian intervention or by the use by Germany's 4,000 tanks and 6,000 aircraft.

"Even supposing the Democracies are beaten on the front the Italians and the Germans will have to resign themselves to continue the war indefinitely in the endeavour to secure spoils. The gates of Gibraltar and Suez Canal upon which Italy depends for supplies is barred; thus, her position is weak compared to that of the Allies." —Reuter.

FOOD CONTROL

Mr. J. A. Taggart, Controller of Food, announces:

All orders for foodstuffs from the United Kingdom for consignment to Hong Kong should in future be submitted to the Controller of Food for endorsement before they are despatched. Strict control is now being exercised on the export from the United Kingdom of all articles of food and in the absence of such endorsement export may not be permitted. Consignees are therefore warned to obtain endorsement in advance in all cases.

may only be used for commercial purposes.

Private communications will not be allowed as long as Germans in the N.E.I. are treated as enemy aliens and do not enjoy their freedom.—Reuter.

BRITISH MESSAGE TO FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. Following M. Paul Reynaud's speech, the British Government sent a message to the French Government, saying that the destiny of France and Great Britain is indissolubly united.

Both countries are fighting for the liberty of democracy and would not be defeated. The fight to save civilisation from Nazism will never be abandoned.—Havas.

LONDON'S "RITZ ON WHEELS"

London. It is nine p.m., and out into the thickening darkness of the deep London night pulls the "Ritz on Wheels." This is the mobile canteen which goes around the town to provide hot meals for night workers on duty in civil defence.

Actually there are several such canteens. They are trailer types, and can be detached from the autos which pull them. This is done so that should there be a breakdown, the canteen workers can get out and push the Ritz to its next resting place.

The interior is practical and smart. Cream and "A.R.P." blue form the colour scheme, and the fittings are in polished birch wood. There is blue linoleum on the floor and there are blue chintz curtains.

Three oil stoves and an oven heat the food, and there is a large haybox stored out of sight in which meals can be kept hot. Jugs, tins, the fire extinguisher, kettles, buckets, bread tins, are all and each marked with a neat little "W.V.S." which stands for Women's Voluntary Service, the restaurateur.

Just "in case," three alternative ways of lighting are provided: electricity from the car battery; two paraffin hurricane lamps; and a battery lamp which will run for 80 hours.

Three workers run each canteen like clockwork. Although the trailer is planned for comfort, this is hard work, starting every night at nine and not ending until 4.30 in the morning.

ROOSEVELT ON AID TO ALLIES

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt, at his daily press conference yesterday, repeated that all possible help was being given to the Allies.

President Roosevelt said he had not yet received M. Reynaud's second appeal.

He announced the formation of a national defence committee and the signing of the Army Appropriations Bill providing nearly \$1,500,000,000 for expansion purposes.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S ATTITUDE NOT YET CLEARLY DEFINED

ISTANBUL, TO-DAY.

A MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AT ANKARA YESTERDAY MORNING WAS FOLLOWED BY A FULL MEETING OF THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT IN THE AFTERNOON, WHEN THE EXACT TERMS OF TURKEY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ENTRY OF ITALY INTO THE WAR WERE DISCUSSED.

Commentators emphasise that Turkey is proceeding loyally but carefully, taking all necessary factors into consideration.

Thus she has been forced to review not only the Italian intentions but also the attitude of her immediate neighbours—Russia, for instance, with a large common frontier with Turkey.

Although her sympathies are overwhelmingly pro-Ally, it is pointed out that Turkey is still legally a neutral country.

This was shown by her action on Thursday in initiating a £4,000,000 trade agreement with Germany, which

was the culmination of two months' strenuous efforts by the Nazi Ambassador, Capt. von Papen.

Recruiting Proceeding

Nevertheless Turkey's defensive preparations continue.

Recruiting offices in Ankara and Istanbul have been very active in enrolling specialists in various trades.—Reuter.

Air Forces Active In Mediterranean

MALTA BOMBED: R.A.F. REPLIES IN KIND

Cairo, To-day.

AN R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE states that Malta yesterday experienced constant raids by a single aircraft.

Some damage was caused to buildings and two British soldiers were killed and one wounded.

The Italians raided two small Sudanese towns, causing only little damage.

The communiqué says British bombers bombed Fort Capuzzo, on the Egypt-Libyan border and extensively damaged two defence posts.

Assab, in Italian East Africa, was again raided and considerable damage done to buildings, hangars and lorries.

A biplane on the ground was destroyed and three others were seen burning.—Reuter.

Berbera Raided

Berbera (British Somaliland), To-day.

There was an air raid on Berbera yesterday afternoon. Slight damage was caused.—Reuter.

Italian Submarine Takes Refuge In Spain

Madrid, To-day.

A message from Algeciras states an Italian submarine has taken refuge there after being chased by British warships.—Reuter.

Alexandria's Alarm

Alexandria, To-day.

Alexandria had an air raid alarm early yesterday afternoon lasting 35 minutes.

It was the city's second alarm of the war and it found the populace completely calm.

Traffic, which was at its height, came to a standstill, horses were unharnessed from carriages and tied to lamp-posts.

In a few seconds the city was apparently deserted and only steel-helmeted police and wardens were to be seen.

When the all clear signal was given, people poured from the buildings like ants and resumed their normal activities.

Certain shipping in harbour got up steam but did not leave port.—Reuter.

Allied Fleet Activity

Cairo, To-day.

A naval communiqué issued last evening says:

"Units of the Allied Fleets have been at sea since the outbreak of the war with Italy, carrying out sweeping operations with the object of protecting shipping and destroying any enemy ships which might be encountered."

"It is understood that no enemy ships have been sighted."

"While the R.A.F. was bombing Torbruk Harbour on Tuesday, British naval units co-operating in the vicinity were engaged by shore batteries. No Allied ship was hit during the operation."

"The Italian ships referred to in the R.A.F. communiqué as having been hit were the 8,000-ton Italian cruiser "San Giorgio" and two submarines. All were set on fire."

"A Dutch steamer has been sunk in the Mediterranean by the Italians with a loss of four lives."—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE DRIFTS

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange drifted lower yesterday owing to lack of support, though no selling pressure was noted in any group. The declines were mostly small. Wall Street was barely steady.—Reuter.

ITALIAN FRONT QUIET

Somewhere in France, To-day.

The Italian front is still reported to be quiet.

An appeal to fellow Italians still in France to enlist in the ranks of freedom and democracy has been issued by Garibaldians.

The appeal says a Garibaldian Legion has been formed and its symbol is Franco-Italian and Latin fraternity.

Apart from Italians who are loyal to France, a certain number whose sympathies are suspected are being arrested by the police.—Reuter.

ELEMENTARY RIFLE TRAINING

Under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, that the following paragraph has been added at the end of Regulation 1.

In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions the Organiser may establish a section or sections in his group for compulsory training in elementary drill and in the use and care of firearms so as to fit its members for assignment by the Compulsory Service Tribunal to the combatant group of the Hong Kong Defence Reserve should occasion for such assignment arise.

VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS

An amendment to Volunteer Regulations authorises:

The Commandant, without proceeding to discharge the volunteer as aforesaid, may if he thinks fit reprimand him or require him to undergo extra drills, fatigues or suitable training by way of punishment for neglect of duty or misconduct. Any refusal or failure of the volunteer to undergo such punishment shall be deemed an obstruction within the meaning of section 28.

FITNESS TESTS FOR H.K. DRIVERS

Hong Kong's traffic regulations have been amended so as to require an applicant for the issue of a licence to drive a motor vehicle to undergo such tests of his practical and physical fitness to drive as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Police.

An applicant for the issue or renewal of a licence to drive a motor vehicle shall, if so required by the Commissioner of Police, supply two copies of a suitable passport-size photograph of himself to the Commissioner of Police.

ITALIAN PROTEST IN WASHINGTON

Washington, To-day. The Italian Ambassador has protested to Secretary of State Cordell Hull against what he termed the "campaign to arouse anti-Italian feeling in the United States."—Reuter.

ITALIAN SHIP LOSSES

LONDON, TO-DAY. IT IS LEARNED AUTHORITATIVELY IN LONDON THAT HITHERTO 210,855 TONS OF ITALIAN SHIPPING HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE ALLIES OR SCUTTLED BY THE ITALIAN CREWS.

Over 80,000 tons of the total are in British home waters.

It is noted that between the beginning of the war and the Italian entry, Germany had attacked and sunk eight Italian ships with a total tonnage of 37,619.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN KENYA

Pretoria, To-day. A Gazette Extraordinary announces that a South African mobile field force is serving with the British East African forces in East Africa.—Reuter.

LA GUARDIA TO RUN FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY?

New York, May 2. Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, who declared not long ago that neither of the major parties would give him a gallery seat at their forthcoming national conventions, is again to-day casting longing eyes toward Washington and Capitol Hill, according to informed City Hall quarters. In a word, the Mayor is entirely receptive to a bid from either the Democrats or Republicans that he be their choice for second place on the national ticket.

Mr. La Guardia's friends hold that he could fit in the Democratic or Republican slate-building without embarrassment to him. They base this on his well-known political independence. He is to-day registered with the American Labour Party, but in the past has been everything in the present line-up except a Democrat. He has, however, been able to command a considerable independent Democratic support in his two campaigns for Mayor, which he won hands down.

CHANCES HELD SLIM That the political picture would have to undergo vast changes for Mr. La Guardia to get the Vice-Presidential nomination by any political party is, however, conceded in all quarters. That the Democrats would have nothing to do with him nationally is certain, and his nomination by the Republicans would split that party wide open.

If, therefore, the Mayor has dreams of presiding over the United States Senate and meanwhile being a successor to the Presidency, as is reported in quarters closest to him, indications are that he is due for a disappointment.

Mr. La Guardia has long had a

CANADA'S PLEDGE TO FRANCE

Ottawa, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, read to the Canadian House of Commons yesterday the British Government's pledge to M. Reynaud.

He said "Every word expresses the feelings, intentions and determination of the Canadian people."

On behalf of the Canadian Government Mr. Mackenzie King sent the following cable to M. Reynaud:

"Canada pledges to France, as she pledged to Britain, her unwavering support to the utmost limit of her power and resources."

"You may be sure that the peoples of North America see with clear eyes the realistic scenes of the hour."

"It is my faith that all the material and economic strength of this continent will be marshalled without delay—as never before free men all over the world are inspired by the sacrifice and devotion of France."—Reuter.

Australia Also

Melbourne, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Menzies, has cabled to the French Premier, M. Reynaud, endorsing the British Government's message to France and assuring him of the fullest support of Australia.

Australian Ministers are remaining in Melbourne over the week-end.—Reuter.

yearning for Washington, and it would be a happy day for him could he return there in an official capacity. He never loses an opportunity to go to the national capital and it is reasonably certain that his next candidacy will be aimed at taking him to Washington.

RE-ELECTION NOT WANTED

Mr. La Guardia has given many indications that he would not be a candidate for re-election as Mayor of New York. Whether this is because he, with his characteristic restlessness, is tired of the job; whether he knows he could not be re-elected and wishes to retire with the laurels of having twice defeated Tammany Hall, or whether he is putting his lines out for a Washington job, no one, obviously—not even Mrs. La Guardia, who was formerly his secretary—knows. Whatever the reason, the Mayor is keeping it to himself.

Mr. La Guardia's term as Mayor expires next year. The fusion forces which carried him into City Hall are to-day disorganized, since he did nothing to keep the machine going, and it fell apart. This has given renewed courage and hope to the Democrats, and they have a rising political star on the horizon in the person of William O'Dwyer, District Attorney of Kings County whose clean-up of that county and whose prosecution of the "murder-by-contract" gang has brought him national attention.

Competent political observers, therefore, see Mayor La Guardia out of the 1941 Mayoralty race and Mr. O'Dwyer leading the allied Democracy in the five boroughs in the direction of City Hall.

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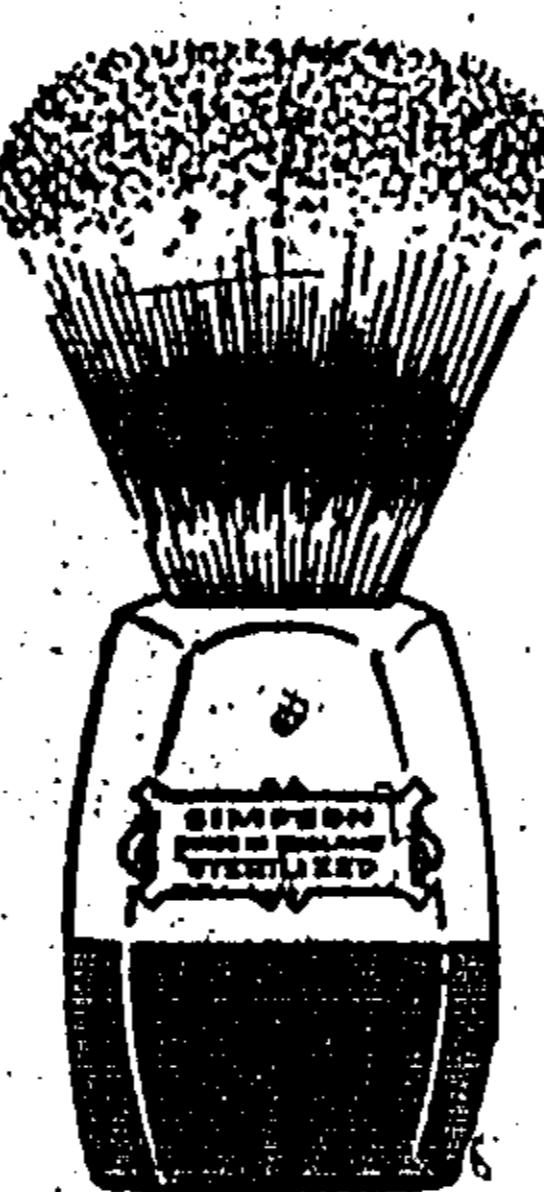
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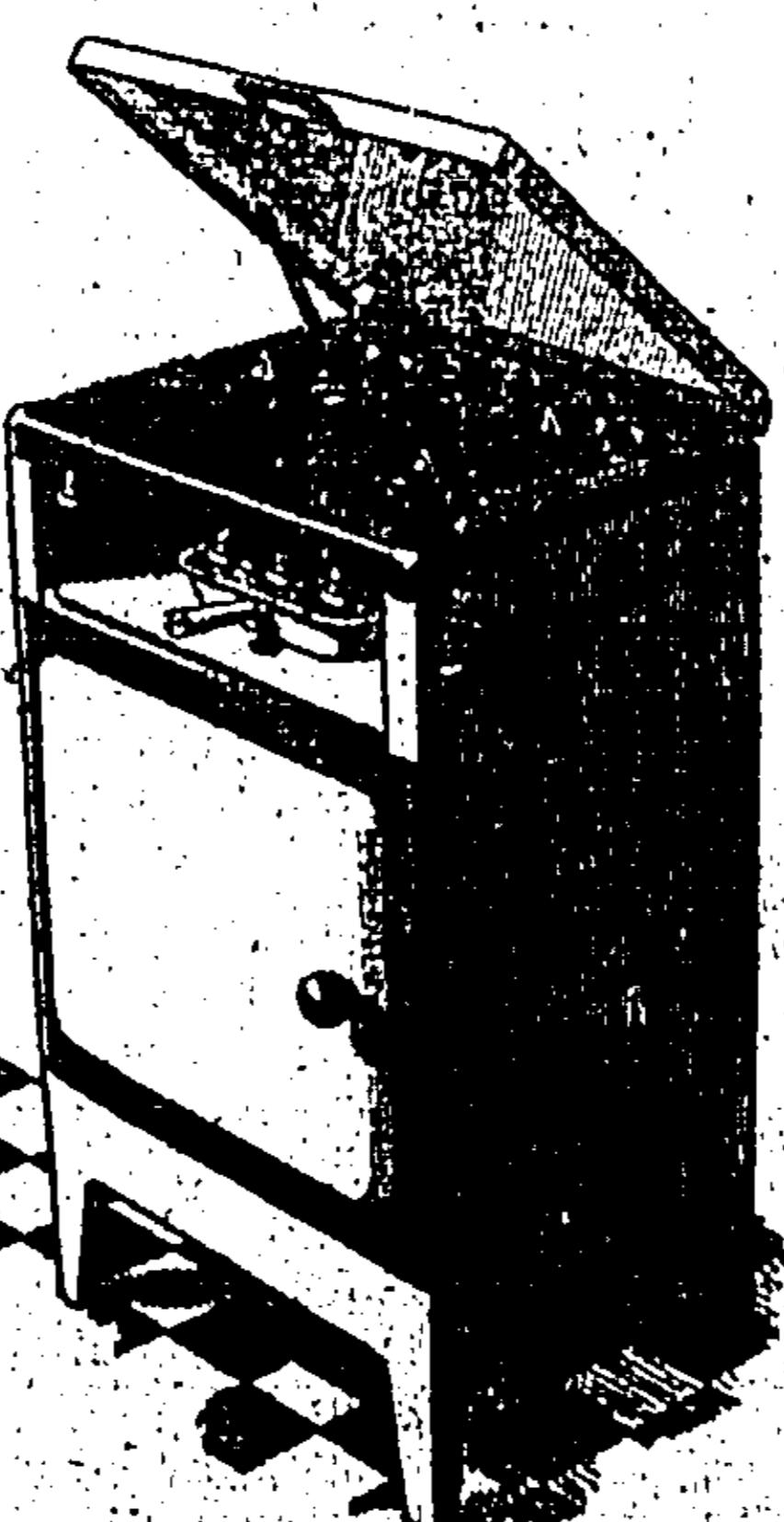
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE SPIRIT OF THE LOW COUNTRIES

The hard thing, said Burke, is not to make a Government but to make a free Government. Germany has made the first, building a Government, as Tacitus would say, on robbery, murder, and rapine; the peoples of the Low Countries have made the second, creating self-respecting societies out of the most troublesome diversities of race, religion, and history. That is why Holland and Belgium have something to give to Europe, though their united populations are less than seventeen millions, that Hitler and his huge armies and his vast conquests can never give her. They have carried into modern life the habits and the culture that gave such a special value to the rich vitality of the City State of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. In Nazi Germany, on the other hand, all the great traditions of those creative ages have been submerged in the mass violence of a racial passion that would have seemed barbarous to the Roman Empire. In their gallant struggle Holland and Belgium are defending quality against quantity, art against force, the manly dignity of free peoples against the brutal might of a servile State.

Gibbon once reflected with satisfaction that in future wars the civilised man would be armed against barbarians by the discoveries of science. He never foresaw a time when the gifts of science would be in the hands of the barbarians. To-day man's unhappy skill in invention has put such power into the machine that against the man who uses it without scruple and without mercy the bravest soldier is like Swift's man in a shirt, struggling with ten men armed. For years Germany has spent all her strength in creating machines of destruction and in teaching her people savage manners. Against all this mass terror the friends of freedom have now to summon all the resources of the human spirit. Fortunately the peoples of the Low Countries have courage and tenacity in their blood and their history. They will bring these qualities to the defence of the civilised life of Europe.

—Daily Telegraph."

superfluous. Both will perform an indispensable function as scouts, observers, and garrisons of vantage points, whether buildings or military dumps, which the enemy would be likely to attack at once. But the repulse of an invasion requires also forces of a different kind—both dispersed forces able to take immediate local measures and larger mobile forces at central points ready for early subsequent action.

No doubt the framing and training of the Regular troops at home for home defence fall within the new province of General Ironside. No doubt it will also be his duty to carry out such obvious precautions as the redistribution, where necessary, of formed units, the organization of special fighting units at military instructional centres, the provision of increased mobility for the troops designed to deal with invasion, the arrangement of demolition parties, of supplies of demolition materials at or near places where danger may be expected, and so on. Moreover General Ironside will be assisted in the discharge of this task by the new energy which the whole nation is putting into the provision of military supplies. That is indeed the key to success both here and in other operations. For it is abundantly clear that all along the line machine must be countered by machine, aeroplane by aeroplane, gun by gun, tank by tank, and even lorry by lorry. Men without machines cannot stem the onset of men with machines, nor develop the immediate offensive action which is necessary to success. If the fire brigade have to manhandle their pumps and hoses to the scene of the fire they will arrive too late to put it out.

In all these ways there is a place and a purpose for a Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces with no more powers than that post already carries with it; but very much more is required. Parachute descents are not the only form of attack which may be attempted, and indeed the Germans have invariably used them as a part of a much larger operation. The repelling of an invasion is therefore quite likely to call into play both sea and air forces as well as the Army. There are also measures to be taken on land which hardly seem to fit into the present functions of the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces. It is only necessary to consider some of the precautions that are a commonplace in other countries with frontiers to defend and will certainly be no novelty to the defence authorities here. For example, it may become necessary to declare in good time some part of the island an "army zone" on the French model. The evacuation, partial or otherwise, of the civil population from such a zone may be deemed desirable, not merely for their own safety but to ensure the utmost speed and freedom of military action. Military co-operation with, or control of, transportation by rail and road would also figure in this programme. It would be easy to extend the list, but the briefest reflection will show the variety of activities that home defence must correlate and comprise. There must be a corresponding unification and centralization of authority. Unity of purpose and policy in the home defence command will entail the possession of the power, and of a combined staff, to direct both the military and air forces available for home defence; the naval and auxiliary coastal defences; the Civil Defence Commissioners, the police, and the Local Defence Volunteers; and he should be directly responsible, not to any one of the Service Departments, but to the Minister of Defence, who is, it will be remembered, the Prime Minister. All this points to the creation of a different kind of post than any which yet exists.

Preparedness in this sense does not and must not involve any excessive concentration on the danger to these islands. The first object of greater security at the base is greater security for operations overseas.—"The Times."

HOW GERMAN TANK COLUMNS ADVANCED

MOTOR-CYCLES LED THE WAY: LORRIES SCATTER REFUGEE CROWDS

(By A Special Correspondent)

London, May 25.

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE for me to describe the methods adopted by the Germans in their motorised advance from Cambrai and Bapaume towards the Somme and later towards the Channel.

Squadrons of armoured motor-cycles and side-cars moved in half-mile spurts at top speed, slowed down or stopped, and then sent scouting cycles along side roads.

The motor-cycles were followed by lorries full of troops and ambulances travelling at a moderate pace. These columns went along without any regard for the French and Belgian refugees who crowded the roads. Every man in uniform was a target for their machine-guns.

Heavy tanks accompanied by 10 or 12 vehicles fitted with caterpillar tractors were driven across the fields lying between the two main roads.

Last Tuesday morning 32 Germans, in one lorry and two motor-cycle combinations, reached the mouth of the Somme at St. Valery-sur-Somme, but they had to clear out later.

About seven in the evening about 50 German planes began bombing Boulogne. For about three minutes the noise and the falling of masonry resembled the heavy artillery barrages of the last war.

I was on top of the hill on the Marquise-Boulogne road, and the impression it made on me was exactly the same as that made by the heavy shell fire of 1914-1918.

AERODROME DEFENDED

A French plane went up to investigate and soon afterwards the aerodrome was strongly defended.

It was there that I met the first British supply lorry. It was one of a convoy of four which set out from Boulogne. The three others were destroyed by bombs.

The bombs had knocked six big holes in the lorry and its radiafor was leaking. The right side of the driver's helmet was shattered. His main concern seemed to be to his destination at St. Omer, about 20 miles away, and to find at six-mile intervals two gallons of water with which to replenish the radiator.

The driver gave me a lift which enabled me to reach Calais in time to get on board a small cargo boat bound for England.

Once in the Channel the 300 or more refugees in the steamer experienced a feeling of absolute security. Not only was the sea controlled by British and French naval craft, but the sky also was entirely commanded by the British.

AIR MASTERY

Everybody could 'see' and understand why the losses of the German bombers was so considerable. The British aviation controlled the sea all around the coast with an efficiency equal to the control of the Navy.

Among the refugees who, like me, had to fly from the vicinity of Boulogne to escape the bombers and the motorised troops, the impression was general: Great Britain is the impregnable Allied fortress if she can meet the menace of the parachutists and of the Fifth Column.

SPANISH FLEET 70 MILES EAST OF GIB.

The Spanish fleet, which has lately been at Palma, Majorca, arrived at Malaga, about seventy miles east of Gibraltar, where it is remaining for an unlimited period.

Although the movements of the Fleet were kept secret, it was believed it would shortly visit Ceuta or Algeciras, which is across the bay from the Rock.—Associated Press.

6 ANTHEMS TOOK 7 MINUTES

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Allies!" Before the B.B.C. began their news bulletin recently, they followed his announcement with the playing of six different National Anthems.

This musical interlude took seven minutes.

The anthems played were those of Britain, France, Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium.

"We decided to precede the news bulletins on Sundays with the National Anthems of the Allies," a B.B.C. official told a reporter.

"If we get many more invasions we'll have to have a special 'National Anthem' programme."

PARENTS CAUSE FIVE C. O. TEACHERS TO BE SACKED

Parents in the Isle of Ely (Cambs) have refused to have their sons taught by teachers registered as conscientious objectors.

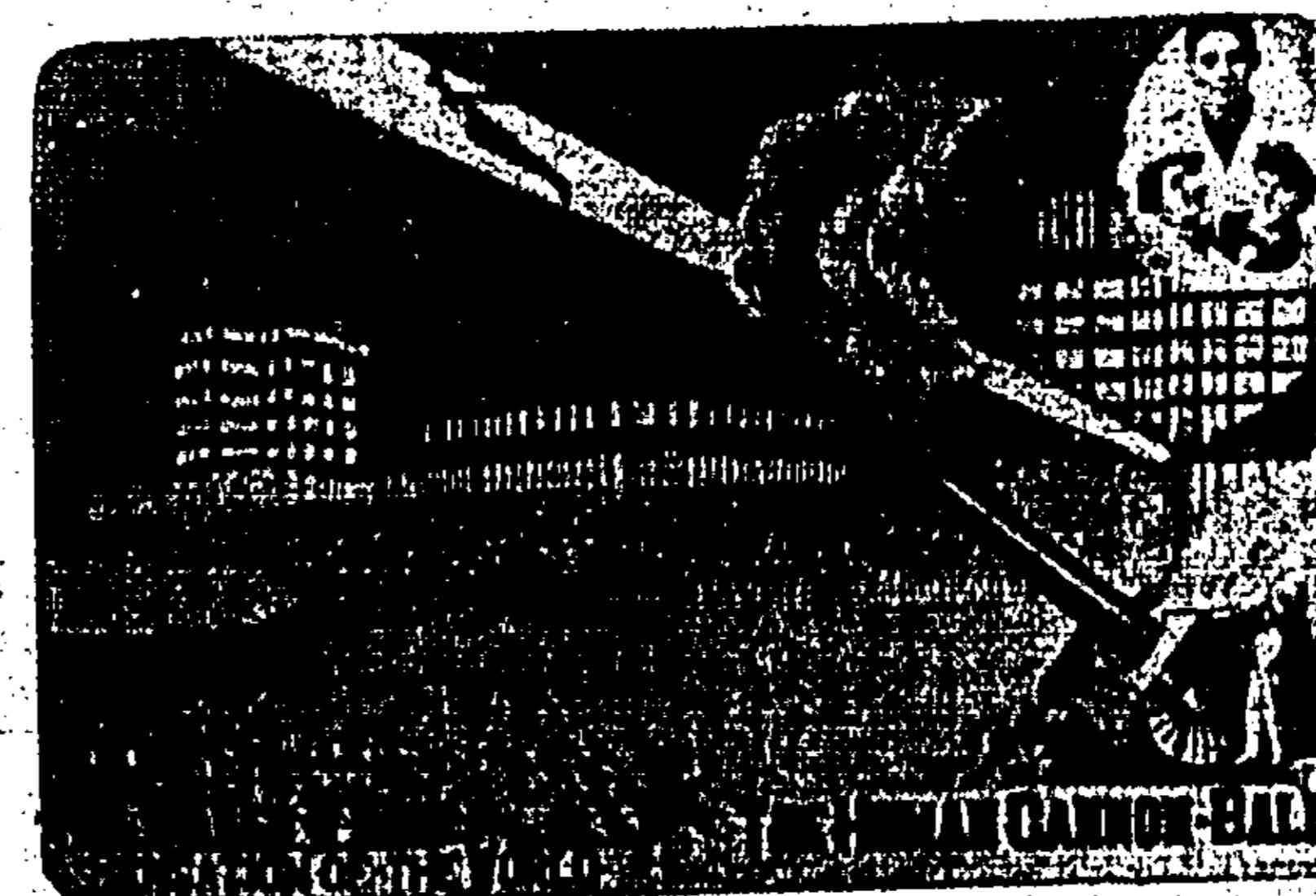
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There are three schools involved, and five masters have been given notice.

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R.A.F. WANT MORE AIR CREW VOLUNTEERS

A "pool" of volunteers on which the Royal Air Force can draw as expansion proceeds for the training of air crews is to be built up, says the Air Ministry. Arrangements have been made to enable selection boards to speed up the interviewing of candidates.

Applications will now be considered from men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-eight for training as pilots, and men of eighteen to thirty-two for training as observers, wireless operators and air gunners.

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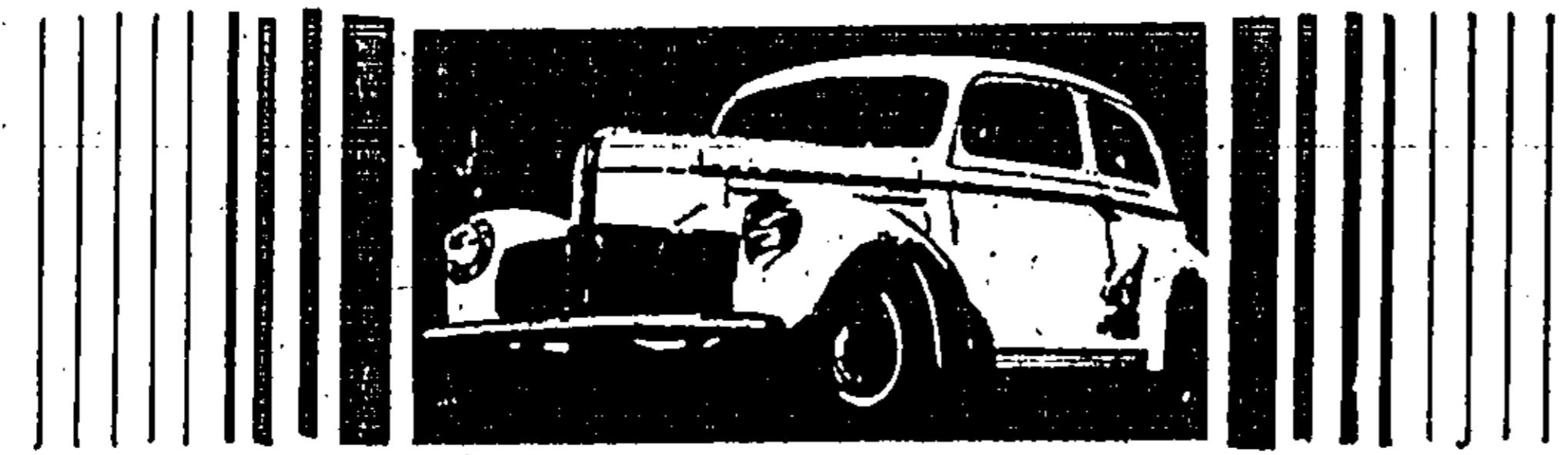
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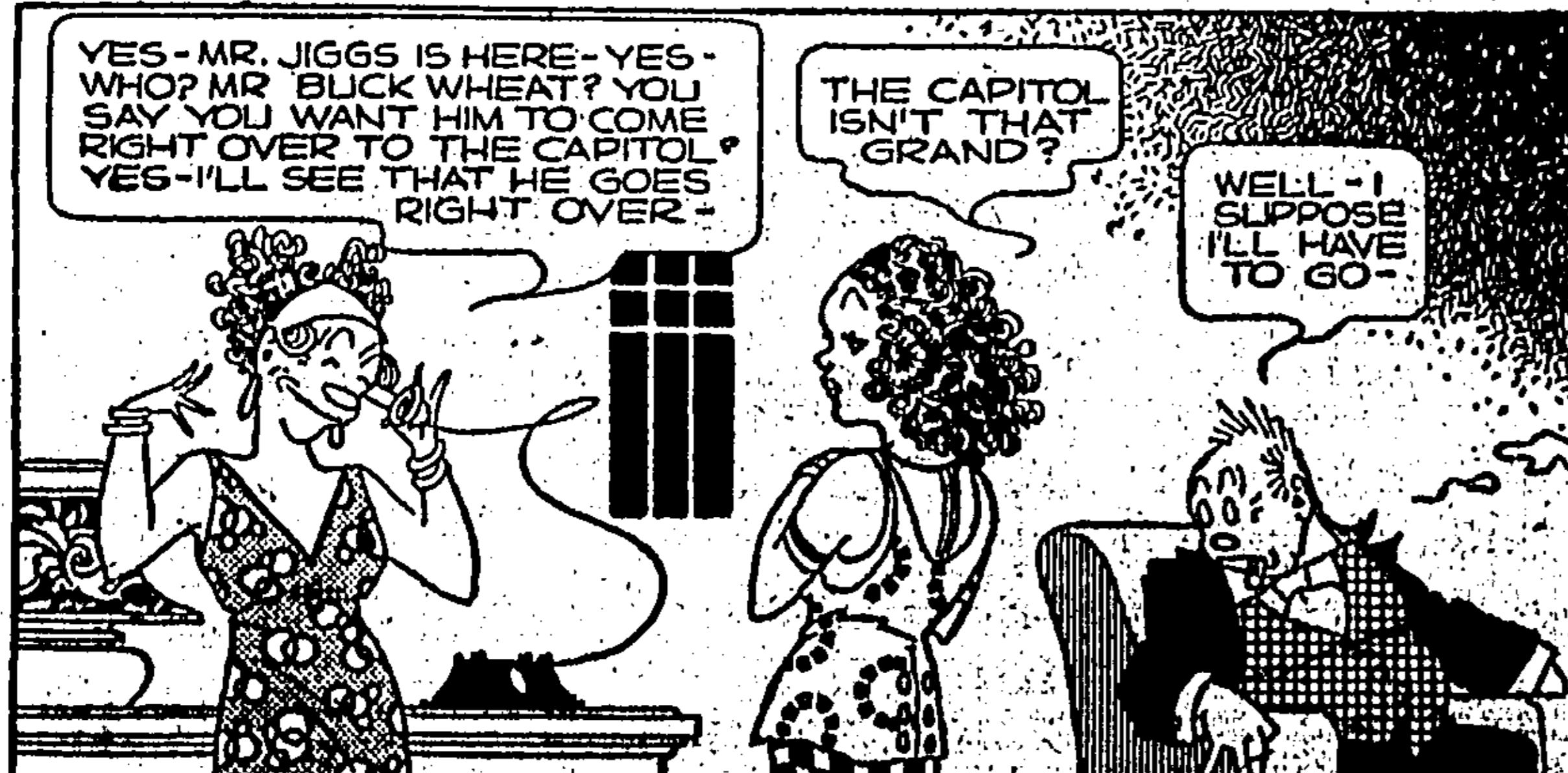
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LONDON'S SECRET A.R.P. HEADQUARTERS

BEFORE the "black-out" descends upon London there is a brief period of fading light that is singularly beautiful. It will always remain with me as a memory of this war.

Even buildings of no quality lie against the sky in an heroic way. Old scenes look so new that one gazes at London with fresh eyes, conscious not of the vulgarity of Neon lighting or the glare of windows full of things for sale, but of the coming of night. It is a matter only of minutes before this tender moment swiftly passes into the blackness of the jungle.

The Strand becomes a long canyon of darkness in which queer gleaming blue things turn out to be omnibuses. Red fire flies trace a quick pattern in the black velvet, indicating to those wizards of the night, the taxi drivers, that a policeman is holding them up.

Thin red crosses fade into green, and a surge of shadows, only a little darker than the night itself, moves onward to what seem impossible destinations.

At such a moment I found a taxi in the Strand. I told the driver to take me to the Home Office. I was to be shown one of the close-guarded secrets of war-time London: the War Control Room of the Regional Headquarters of Civil Defence.

Sitting there in the complete insulation of the "black-out", unable to discover where I was, although I must have passed up and down the Strand thousands of times in the course of my life, a feeling of fantasy came over me; and I felt like a ghost travelling through dim regions of the shades.

With some surprise I sensed rather than saw the Thames, and I realised that we must have come down to the Embankment and were now approaching the Houses of Parliament.

In a few moments I stepped out towards what my torch revealed as a rampart of sandbags. It concealed the entrance to the Home Office in Whitehall.

"I don't know how you can drive in this," I said.

"S'nothing!" replied the driver. "Get used to it, y'know. Suppose you blinkin' well get used to anything!"

As our car ran into the featureless night, the official of the Home Office impressed upon me the need for secrecy. Few people are shown the Civil Defence War Room; and no one must say where it is.

It is one of several deep-down, secret places in London where, in a blaze of electric light and behind gas-proof doors, those to whom is entrusted the defence of London keep watch day and night.

Among such rooms are the Cabinet War Room, where the Prime Minister and the members of the War Cabinet would go during an attack on London; the War Room and Operations Room of the military defence; the Home Security War Room, in which plans against enemy action anywhere in Britain are schemed; and the War Control Room of the London Civil Defence—to which we were travelling—the G.H.Q. of London's A.R.P.

These war rooms must be bomb proof. They must be in touch with the outside world. They are mirrors in which every enemy action is instantly reflected.

They are brains that instantly send out orders to fighter planes, to gun crews, to searchlights, to barrage balloons, to anti-aircraft organisations; indeed, to the whole of that intricate network of military and civil units trained to defend London from air attack.

It would be untrue to say that nothing like these war rooms has been seen in London before. They are all children of the "Operations Room" of London Defence in the last war, a room in which the commander of the defences used to sit before a squared map, anticipating the movements of the enemy. Speaking into a tube that hung overhead, he could send up a barrage from Putney Heath and a flight of pursuit planes from somewhere else, almost in the same breath.

The car stopped in a courtyard. Dark buildings rose all round.

"Here we are," said my friend. "The headquarters of the London Region."

I was amused to recognise a building with which I was familiar, but I knew it, as thousands of Londoners do, by another name!

We stepped into a lift and descended. There was a hum in the air like the noise below-decks in a liner. I was told it was the air-filter plant at work.

Pushing open the kind of door you see on a burglar-proof safe, we entered a room

whose brilliance for a moment blinded us. It was a large room shining with cream-coloured paint, very workmanlike and clean. The walls were covered with enormous maps of London, lit from above by powerful electric lamps.

My first impression was that the Royal Geographical Society was meeting in the operating room of a hospital.

It was quiet. No one had ever dared to smoke a cigarette there, and the few men, sitting at their desks in the bright light, were as obviously on duty as men on the bridge of a ship.

Messengers came in and placed telegrams before them. They filed them and wrote busily on forms, which they gave to the messengers.

Now and then a man would approach the great map of London and stick a pin in it. I saw him put a yellow push-pin within a hundred yards of my own house.

"Gas," whispered my friend from the Home Office. "Yellow pins mean gas! They're having an A.R.P. scheme in Chelsea to-night. You're lucky, because this is what it would be like in a real raid."

The pin man read a message—and deliberately stuck a red pin a bit nearer my house.

"Fire!" whispered my friend. "Red pins mean fire!"

And in this weird, dispassionate room below the London pavements, with the tinned

By
H. V. MORTON

air humming, I was seized by a sense of the utter fantasy of the age in which we live.

This was one of the most up-to-date sights in London, this quiet room where men chase death and destruction across the map with little coloured pins.

If a real air raid took place to-day, this War Room would direct the civil defence of London.

For raid purposes London is divided into nine Groups, which correspond roughly with the Metropolitan Police Area. The Northern point on the War Room maps is at Cheshunt, in Herts; the southern includes Banstead, in Surrey.

All A.R.P. Headquarters in this colossal area are in direct touch with the War Room; to the War Room they must report all air raid incidents, and from the War Room they must ask help if they require it.

All other A.R.P. organisations in London see an air raid as a local event: the War Room alone sees the whole picture, and is as much concerned with happenings in Barnet as in Bromley.

Linked, as it is, to the Home Security War Room, and to all the Group Headquarters, the War Room receives news of all air raid happenings as they occur, and these are at once plotted on its maps, of which there are two. One is the "Current Events" Map; the other is the "Damage" Map.

At a glance, those maps with their coloured pins tell you how many stretcher parties, ambulances, decontamination gangs, repair squads, and so on, are working at that moment, and where they are at work; and also the type of damage that has been inflicted.

The function of this room is therefore twofold: to make a complete picture of air raid incidents and to keep it up-to-date, and to keep track of all A.R.P. personnel in London; and, if called upon to do so, to move reserves from an undamaged zone to one that is in need of help.

Glancing round this important and not unpleasant room, I realised that what, at first, looked so complicated, was in reality quite simple.

Two men, called Tally Board Officers, were sitting at a long table facing a board whose brilliant hue was due to hundreds of differently-coloured push-pins arranged in groups.

These pins represent the entire A.R.P. resources of the London Region, and were arranged under the names of their respective boroughs.

Thus you could see at a glance how many ambulances are at Fulham, how many

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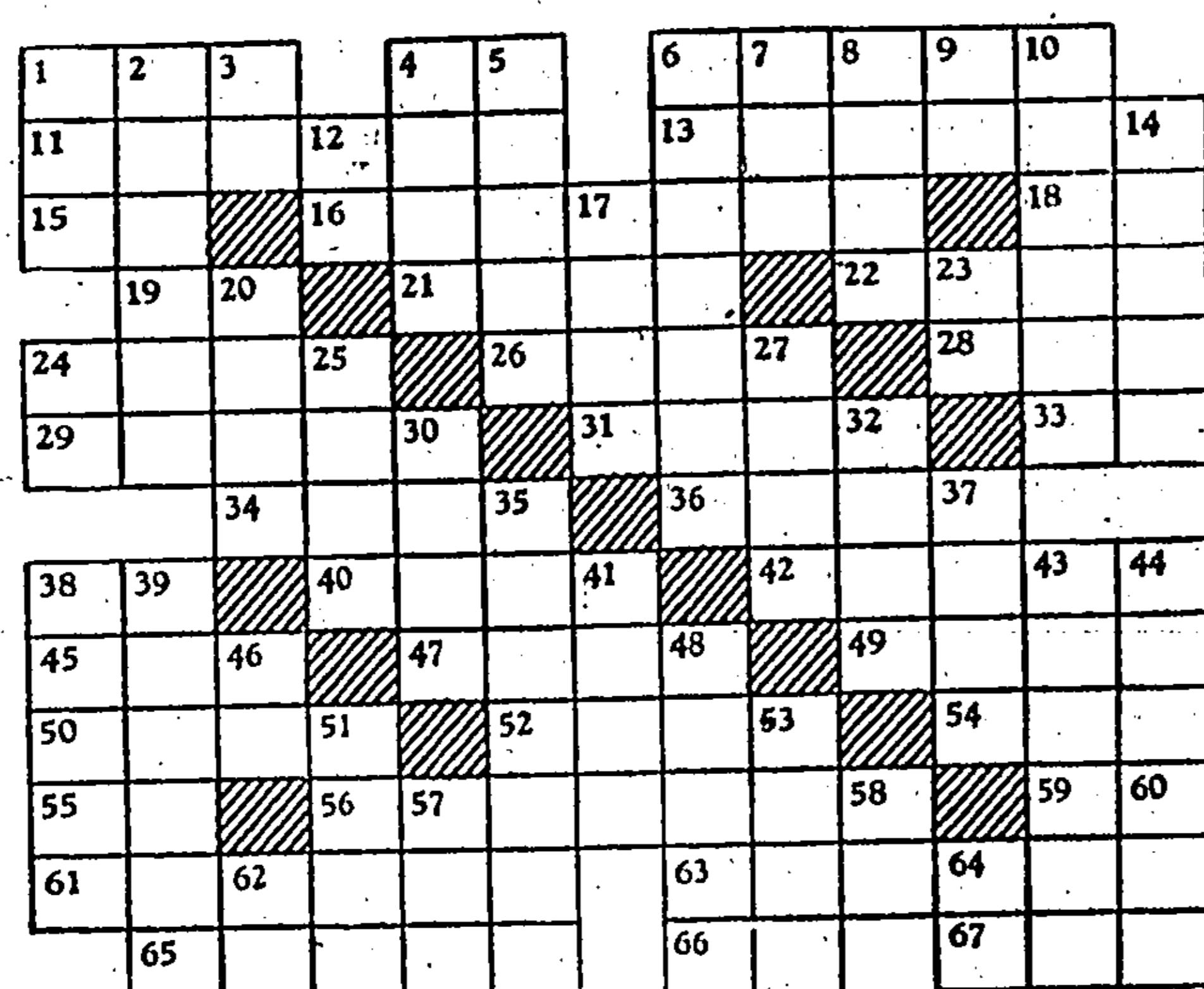
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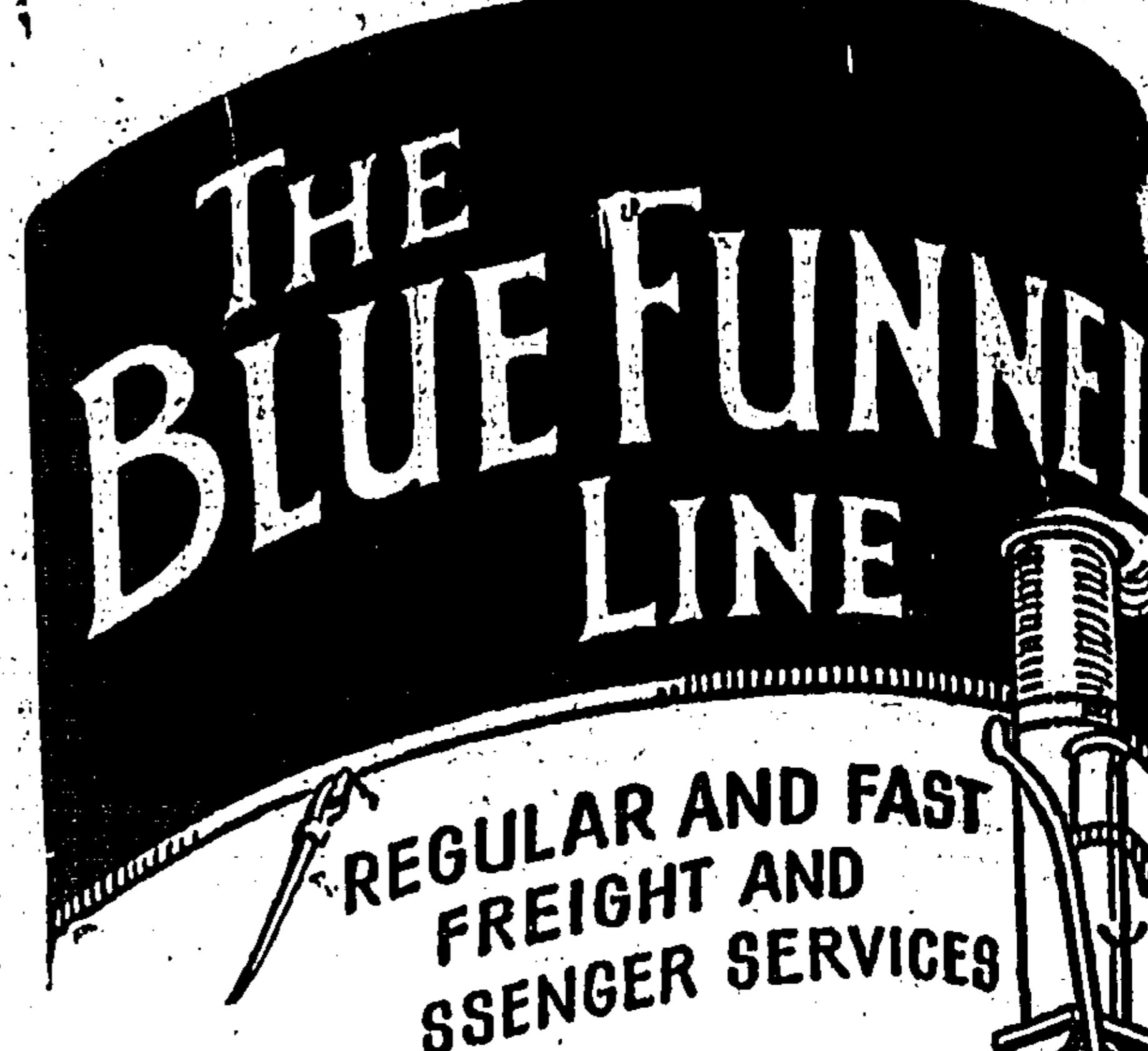
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- Sicilian volcano
- To seize
- Palm genus
- Reverberation
- Symbol for nickel
- Repetition
- Soft mineral
- Conjunction
- Cit' in Alka
- Hallowed
- Honey
- Heavy hair
- Wild ox
- On top of
- Baseball team

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- Mulberry
- Greeting
- Garlands
- Latin conjunction
- Mountain in Turkey
- Noxious matter
- Day's march
- Symbol for yttrium
- South American language
- Edible mollusk
- Easy gallop
- Spanish article
- Physiognomy
- To entertain
- Deceased
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- Because
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- To issue forth
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- To withdraw
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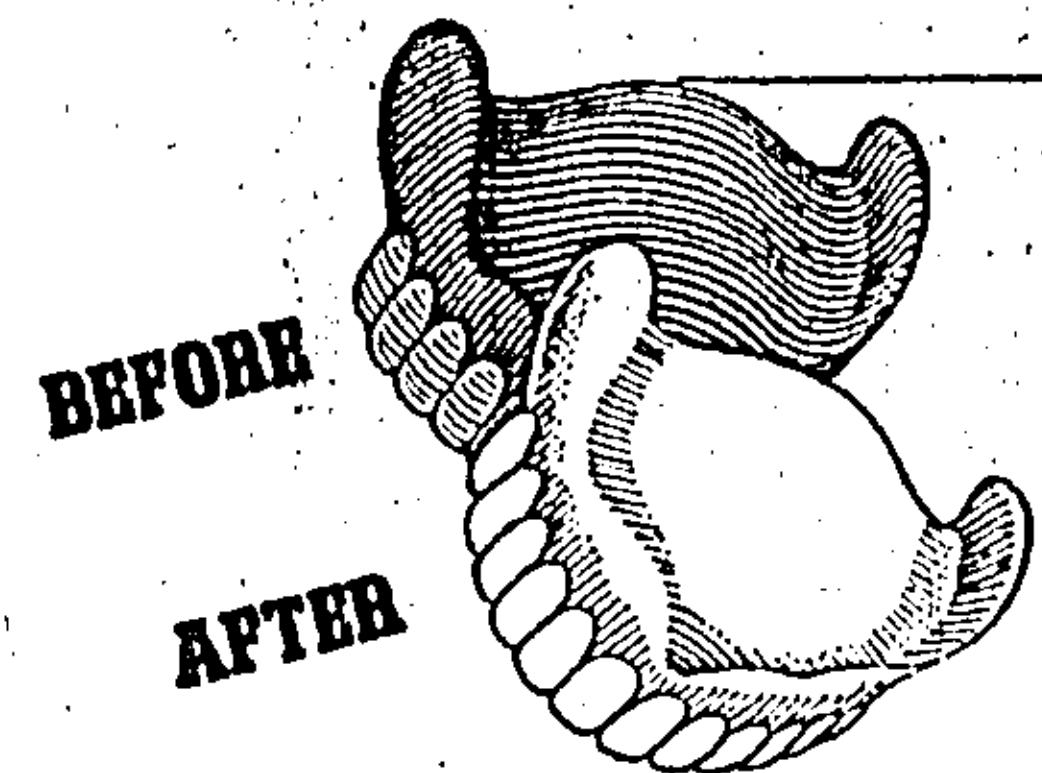
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NO. 3 COMPANY

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Training as in Company Training
Programme.

Thursday, 20th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Training as in Company Training
Programme.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Recruits, Passing out prior to attesta-
tion.

Friday, 21st June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Recruits, Musketry.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Lesson, Rifle-firing instruction.

NO. 6 COMPANY

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
N.C.O.'s, Special Class. Remainder.
L. G. instruction.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Thursday, 20th June. H.Q. 5.45 p.m.
Squad and arms drill. N.C.O.'s, Class.
L. G. training.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sunday, 16th June. R.A.S.C. Cam-
ber. 9.30 a.m. Those detailed. Dress—
Optional. Driving instruction.

Wednesday, 19th June. H.Q. 5.30
p.m. Whole Company. Dress—Mufti.
Respirator inspection.

Thursday, 20th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Whole Company. Dress—Overalls and
S.D. caps. L.M.G. Those detailed. Sub-
jects—Sight setting, aiming and firing.
S.A.T. Rifle. Those detailed. Subjects
—Aiming at targets at Service Dis-
tances; Aiming at ground.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Friday, 21st June. St. Paul's College.
5.30 p.m.

PAY SECTION

Friday, 21st June. Command H.Q.
5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s, detailed by O. C.
Unit.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT

Corps Orders No. 34/40 of the
31/5/40, Para. 8. LEAVE. For period
of leave granted to 3140 Signmn. B. K.
Yip "1.6.40.—1.7.40" to read
"1.6.40—10.7.40."

APPOINTMENT & PROMOTIONS

4323, Pte. W. J. Bagley, Stanley Pl.
Sgt. 14.6.40.

1708, Bdr. H. W. Brown, 4th Bty.
Act. L/Sgt. 14.6.40.

3792, L/Bdr. A. Smith, 4th Bty Bdr.
14.6.40.

3478, L/Bdr. I. O. Kam, 4th Bty.
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TRANSFERS

2572, Pte. W. E. Grieve, No. 1 Coy.
Res. No. 1 Coy. 31.3.40.

3110, Pte. E. O'Neill Shaw, Armd.
Car Pl. Mob. Coln. H. Q. 15.6.40.

2194, Pte. E. F. S. Baker, No. 1 Coy.
Res. No. 1 Coy. 21.12.40.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4378, Pte. B. C. Hobbs, Armd. Car.
Pl. 23.5.40.

3479, Spr. R. Prish, Fd. Coy. Engs.
27.5.40.

4380, Gnr. B. L. Stock, 5th A.A. Bty.
3.6.40.

4381, Spr. F. J. Lay, Fd. Coy. Engs.
6.6.40.

4382, Gnr. S. Stakland, 2nd Bty.
8.6.40.

4383, Pte. D. A. Fittinghoff, A.S.C.
Coy. 8.6.40.

4384, Gnr. A. Li, 3rd Bty. 11.6.40.

4385, Gnr. R. Tai, 3rd Bty 11.6.40.

DR128, Pte. W. M. Barton, Armd. C.
Pl. 7.6.40.

DR129, Pte. K. G. McKenzie, M.M.G.
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on this morning's parade to celebrate
the Birthday of H. M. The King were
a great credit to the Corps."

The marching, turn-out and appear-
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Sgt. A. E. GRASSETT, Major-
General, Commanding The British
Troops in China."

JUDGE SHUNS OWN CASE

St. Louis.

One day Martin Rosenberg, an at-
torney, was called upon to sit as a
provisional Judge in Police Court.

Ironically, his own case for a park-
ing violation came up and he contin-
ued it because he "didn't feel qual-
ified to pass on his own guilt or inno-
cence."

Judge James Nangle dismissed the
case. Commented Mr. Rosenberg:
"I'm glad I passed it. I would have
fined myself \$3 and costs."

Detachments. Miniature range under
2/Lt. D. McLellan. Recruits under
Capt. J. Watson. Dress—Overalls.

Saturday, 22nd June. See instruc-
tions under Corps Artillery Orders
Para. i.

CORPS ARTILLERY

2nd Battery

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Recruits. Gas drill under B.Q.M.S. An-
drews & Gnr. Lee. Dress—Mufti.

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.45 p.m.
for Bluff Head. D.E.L., B.O.P. Staff
and all qualified layers and range-
takers. Refresher training and laying
practice with launch. Dress—Mufti,
overalls, S.D. Caps, G.P. Shoes, Water-
bottle (filled) and Haversacks to be
carried.

Wednesday, 19th June. Belchers.
5.30 p.m. Layers and Rangetakers
Classes continued.

Thursday, 20th June. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.
Lecture by Lt. Squires R.A. Dress—
Mufti.

Saturday, 22nd June. See instruc-
tions under Corps Artillery Orders
para. i.

3RD BATTERY

Monday, 17th June. Belchers. 5.30
p.m. D.R.F. Class.

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Changes of kit.

Thursday, 20th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
N.C.O.'s Class.

Saturday, 22nd June. See instruc-
tions under Corps Artillery Orders,
para. i.

4TH BATTERY

Tuesday, 18th June. D.E.L. School.
5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel as detailed.
Engines. Dress—Mufti, overalls to be
carried.

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
B Section and others detailed. Rifle
and marching drill. Dress—Mufti.

Friday, 21st June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
All members. Testing of gas masks
under Capt. V. C. Branson, M.C. It is
essential that every member should
attend this parade. Dress—Mufti.

5TH A.A. BATTERY

Tuesday, 18th June. Queen's Pier.
5.15 p.m. Those detailed. Practical
training. Dress—Mufti.

Thursday, 20th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
No. 1 Section. Rifle course. Dress—
Overalls and webbing less haversack
waterbottle.

Thursday, 20th June. Queen's Pier.
No. 2 Sec. 5.15 p.m. A.A. Equipment.
Dress—Mufti. Overalls to be carried.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Monday, 17th June. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m.
Technical instructions for exercise on
19th.

Wednesday, 19th June. K.C.R. 5.15
a.m. or Queen's Pier. 5 a.m. Those de-
tailed. Technical Exercise. Dress—
Shirts, shorts, S. D. caps, boots, puttees
and hosepipes, Jack knives and pliers.
Overalls to be carried. Probable time
of return 6 p.m.

Thursday, 20th June. K.C.R. 5.30
Talk by Chief Engineer, H.Q., C.C.

CORPS SIGNALS

Monday, 17th June. H.Q. 5.15 p.m.
(i) Group A—Semaphore—Flag and
procedure (ii) Group B. Morse—
Buzzer and procedure. Victoria Bar-
racks. (iii) Group C. Morse—Flag and
procedure. (iv) Recruits. Morse in-
struction.

Wednesday, 19th June. H.Q. 5.15 p.m.
W/T. Section. Procedure and
practice. Victoria Barracks. D/R
Section. Riding practice.

Friday, 21st June. H.Q. 5.15 p.m.
(i) Groups A and B. Line tele-
graphy. Victoria Barracks. (ii) Group
C. Buzzer. Lamp and telescope. (iii)
Recruits. Morse—Teles.

MOBILE COLUMN

Armoured Car Platoon
Monday, 17th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
All classes. Stripping and assembling
Points. B.D.A.

Friday, 21st June. 5.30 p.m. Lecture
Room at Kowloon Railway Station.
Lecture by C.Q.M.S. Soarey on "De-
molitions and Obstacles."

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Monday, 17th June. Hung Hom. 5.30
p.m. Driving instruction.

Friday, 21st June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
M.G. instruction. (Director, and
cylometer).

STEEL HELMETS

Steel helmets will be issued to per-
sonnel of Armd. Car Pl. and M.M.G.
Pl., who are not already in possession
of one, on the 17th and 21st instant
respectively.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Training under Section arrangements
for inter-section competition.

Friday, 21st June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Training under Section arrangements
for inter-section competition.

NO. 2 COMPANY

Tuesday, 18th June. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
N.C.O.'s Class.

Thursday, 20th June. (i) No. 6 Platoon.
Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. L.G.
and M.G. training. (ii) No. 7 Platoon.
H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Training programme
parade No. 9.



Dieting Dot says if it's true one can reduce by concentration on spots she should be a wraith what with her passion for polka-dotted fabrics.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 17th. JUNE, 1940 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 10, Humphreys Building, Kowloon

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

also
One Large Frigidaire
One Small Frigidaire
One Morrison Piano
and
A Quantity of Electric Household Appliances

On View from Sunday, the 16th. June, 1940.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 15th June, 1940

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 18th. June, 1940 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

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5 Radios
1 Exposure Meter
1 Electric Cooker
1 Silver Dressing Set
1 E. P. Tea Set
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1 Pair Teak Single Bedsteads with Simmons' Springs & Beauty Rest Mattresses
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1 Pair Beds Staple Mattresses and Hair Mattresses

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PEN BACKS UP RADIO IN ARABIA

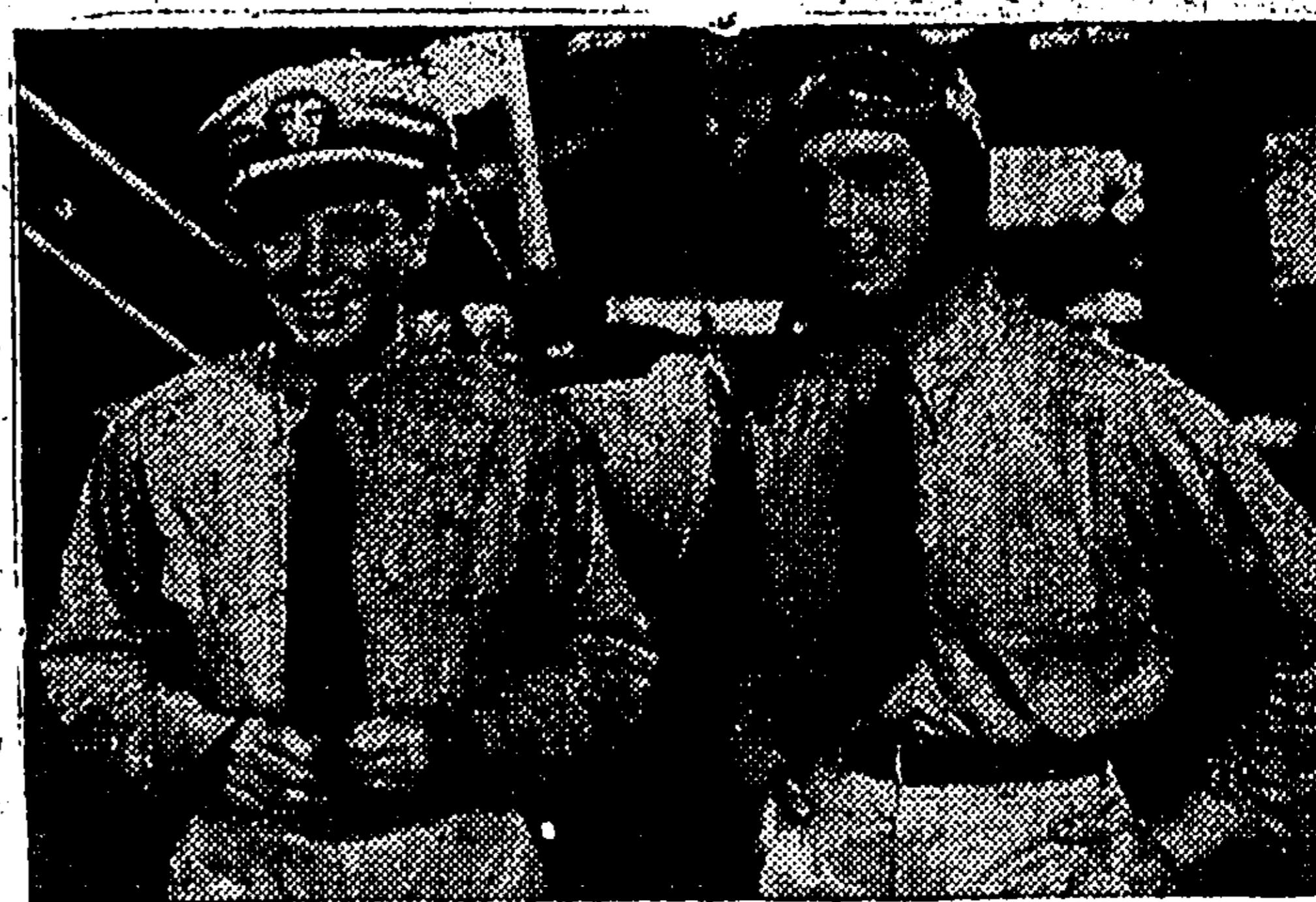
London.
To interest Arabs in British radio programmes and counter anti-British propaganda, the British Broadcasting Corporation is producing a new radio journal in Arabic.

In the same way that The Listener, weekly journal of the B.B.C. serves to lend permanence to the spoken word by printing matter that previously has been radiocast, so will the Arabic Listener serve listeners to the radio-casts in Arabic.

The Arabic Listener is to appear fortnightly at the price of 2½d. (one Egyptian piastre) and aims at circulating wherever the Arab tongue is spoken. This means North Africa, Egypt and the Sudan, Saudi-Arabia, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Aden, and the Persian Gulf. Added to these will be the Arab communities in Singapore, North America, Argentina, and Brazil.

The aim is to keep Arabic listeners informed, as Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, put it in his message to the first issue of the journal, "of the truth of real happenings in the world."

The first issue contained a short story by a leading Egyptian novelist, Tawfiq al-Hakim, an original article on Literary Criticism, an illustrated article on Moroccan history, an article summarizing recent British comment by informed writers on the progress and condition of the Arab world, and replies to questions of listeners. There also were reprints of English lessons broadcast for Arab students which have earned high appreciation.



HEROES OF THE AIR—George Brent and John Payne, as brothers who carry the family navy tradition into the air in "Wings of the Navy," the thrill-packed drama which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

NO MORE POSTERS

Raucous voices of newspaper vendors have been added to London's street hubbub as war economy ended for the time being the use of the big posters they carried to advertise the news.

To help conserve Britain's diminishing newsprint supply, the newspapermen decided to give up a practice which began before the start of the Crimean War in 1853 of furnishing posters for the portable bulletin boards. It was abandoned once before during the last few months of the World War.

Some "newsboys"—few of them are under middle age—displayed the front page of one or two papers but generally their bulletin frames were blank and they called only the names of their papers.

HIS BIGGEST "BREAK" TOOK ONLY ONE SHOT

Mr. Freddy Huish, secretary of Sundridge Park (Kent) Golf Club, is a "crack" snooker player. A plaque hung in the billiards room of the club-house testifies to that fact. It also records an occasion when a snooker ball split on him.

Mr. Huish was attempting to pot a red ball into a middle pocket—a simple shot—but instead of entering the pocket, the ball split in half.

One half zig-zagged in one direction, and the other, with even more zig-zag, found its way into a top pocket.

Mr. Huish's claim that he was entitled to continue with his break (?) was overruled. Rule 2 says that the game must be played with twenty-two balls . . . and here were twenty-one and two halves. The game, therefore, ended in a draw.

But Mr. Huish's feat was not to be allowed to pass unmarked. So members presented him with a souvenir, a plaque on which are mounted the two perfect halves of what was once a snooker ball:

On the plaque is the inscription: "Freddy Huish's Biggest Break."

ports and theses based on their observations of the work of city departments, which count toward their scholastic credits. The youthful scion of Standard Oil millions is studying for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Chicago.

SERVICE, PLEASE

Chicago.
A stationer received this postal card from a woman who inadvertently left her new potted plant in his store during a downtown shopping trip:

"Dear sir: When I was in your store several days ago, I left my plant there by mistake. Will you please water it daily, see that it gets some sunlight and give it your best attention? I will call for it later."

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BASEBALL**CHUNG HWA-H.B. MATCH
BEST GAME OF WEEK-END**

(By "Grandstand")

OF THE THREE TILTS slated for the week-end the Hong Kong Brewery-Chung Hwa game this afternoon is the only one which should provide some real entertainment to baseball bugs.

Results of to-morrow's games appear to be foregone conclusions; Hong Kong Baseball Club should take Royal Engineers to town in the opener and Mindanao should be able to give South China a neat lacing.

To-day's encounter between Hong Kong Brewery and Chung Hwa should attract fans in droves as the fray promises to be one of the best this season. As the result of this game will have a lot to do with the Championship both mentors, Abe Liu and Hal "Babyface" Winglee, will be fielding their strongest line-up and every player will be on his toes.

H. B. FAVOURED

Baseball critics and guessers favour the Brewers to top the Abemen on account of the former's batting prowess and better outfielders. Maybe the critics base their opinion on the Brewer's performances last season, because so far this year the Winglees men have not done so well with the willow wand. In three starts they have only chalked up 25 hits, while Chung Hwa have already clouted 36 safeties in four League games.

Bill Chang will again start on the Mound for Chung Hwa with some fresh instructions from the one and only Abe Liu. Nip Lum will be trucking behind the plate and Grandpop Leung is assigned to cover the first hassock. Grandpop promises to do better this time than he did last Sunday, when he dropped no less than three. Choy covers the keystone and Tuffy Chinn guards the hot corner. Versatile Wally Ching will be caving out at short stop and will be in readiness to take over mound duty in case Bill Chang needs help to mow down the Brewers. Babe Chinn, A. Chan, Al Lau and Loong will be the fly-chasers out in the pastures.

H.B. will be fielding the same line-up as last Sunday against Hong Kong Baseball Club. Madeen Arculli, pitcher, Hal Winglee, catch, Terry Leonard, first base, George Souza, second base, Obear Arculli, third base and Dave Leonard, shortstop. H. Ali, left-field, Stan Leonard, centre field and Zinho Gosano rightfield. Umpires: Wilson, Todd and Walker.

To-morrow's Games

Although Royal Engineers are constantly improving and gaining more experience I don't think they are good enough to emerge victorious against Hong Kong Baseball Club in the first game to-morrow morning. One thing is sure it will not be a merry-go-round especially if Doc Molthen's regular players don't show up. Doc had better not be so cock-sure because the Sappers might give them a good scare if not actually beat them.

The probable line-up only can be given as Doc Molthen will not commit himself, for fear his regulars will let him down again. Bill Smith takes a rest and "Smudge" Smith takes his place:

H.B.B.C.	R.E.
"Smudge" Smith	P Radcliffe
D. Walker	C Fox
Doc Molthen	1b Shaw
J. Alvarez or Inatt	2b Welford
J. Deegan	3b Inga
T. Alves	SS Denyer
C. Figueiredo	1f Heath
C. Marques	cf Foley
J. Higgins	2f Tailor
Umpires: Winglee, Muscavage and D. Leonard.	

Unless Mindanao show Nam Hwa mercy, the second game of a double-header on Sunday will be no less than a merry-go-round. Coach Winglee reports that the South China squad are gradually shaping into form, but very slowly, and little can be expected of them this year. The boys are trying hard but you can't very well make good ball players out

SWIMMING**TO-NIGHT'S
GALA**

An interesting swimming gala, as far as the Chinese community is concerned, is being held to-night at Chinese Bathing Club, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The main attractions of the programme will be two Open events—the men's 300 metres three style relay, ladies' 100 metres breast stroke, and the water-polo match.

Following is the programme:

Men's 300 Metres Three Style Relay (Open to Chinese Clubs).
Ladies' 100 Metres Breast Stroke (Open to all Chinese).
Children's 50 Metres Free Style Handicap.
Préssem's 100 Metres Free Style.
Men's 100 Metres Free Style Handicap.
Ladies' 50 Metres Free Style Handicap.
Pillow Fight.
Mixed Lantern Race.
Water Polo.

Y.M.C.A. FUNCTION

European Y.M.C.A. will hold a swimming gala to-night at 9.15 p.m. when a programme of 10 events, including a return water-polo match between Y.M.C.A. and Signals will be featured.

Entries and handicaps:

50 yards aggregate handicap:—Heat 1.—L. H. Chater (go), B. Weddall (2), F. A. Weller (4), G. Arnold (7). Heat 2.—A. R. Hunt (go), R. Goldman (3), A. Dodd (4), L. A. Benn (4).

Boys' 50 yards aggregate handicap:—Heat 1.—N. McQueen (go), P. W. Sale (2), K. Meffan (7), Heat 2.—D. Dedear (go), G. Saunders (8).

Women's 50 yards aggregate handicap:—I. Mann (go), M. Meffan (4), B. Sullivan (4), E. Grant (8).

100 yards:—L. H. Chater (go), A. R. Hunt (go), G. Arnold (8), H. Dodd (8), G. T. May (10).

Mixed Sealed Handicap Diving:—Miss I. Mann, Miss D. Craig, Miss E. Grant, N. McQueen, D. Meffan, P. W. Sale, G. Saunders.

200 yards mixed relay:—A. team.—Miss B. Sullivan, G. Saunders, B. S. Wilson, R. Goldman, B. Weddall. B. team.—L. A. Benn, F. A. Weller, L. H. Chater, H. Dodd, C. team.—G. T. May, G. Saunders, K. Meffan, D. Dedear.

Mixed pillow fight.—Miss B. Sullivan, Miss E. Grant, K. Meffan, D. A. Meffan, B. Weddall, D. Dedear, N. McQueen, P. W. Sale, F. A. Weller, G. Arnold, H. Dodd, A. Hunt, L. A. Benn.

Water polo:—Y.M.C.A.—H. Eardley; L. A. Benn, L. Beattie; G. T. May; A. R. Hunt, R. Goldman, L. H. Chater.

of a bunch of bushers in such a short time, continued the coach.

PAU MAN-PIU INDISPOSED

Due to indisposition it is doubtful whether Pau Man-piu will be able to toe the rubber for Nam Hwa in to-morrow's game. In his absence chucker Tang will take up mound duty. The rest of the line-up will be Szeto Bick, behind the plate, Ha Wai-pun at the initial sack, Sek Kai-phoon, second base, Harry Chinn, third base and Ip Yek-ching, shortstop. Nelson Ma, Ng Chun-wah and Cecil Winglee will be the outfielders.

For Mindanao Tony Mascavage and Padgett will form the battery with Douglas at first, Poochie Chase at second and Red Todd at third base. Bobbles Badrick will cover the wavy alley and Wilson, Cook and a borrowed player from either the Anhui or Tulsa will comprise the outfield.

Umpires assigned to officiate in this game are Doc Molthen, Higgins and Dave Walker.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST FOR TO-DAY**FIRST DIVISION**

Recreio "A"	(77)	v	Kowloon Docks R.C.	(31)
Civil Service C.C.	(62)	v	Craigengower	(42)
Kowloon C.C.	(72)	v	Recreio "B"	(52)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(—)	v	*H.K. Football Club	(—)
Indian R.C.	(63)	v	Police R.C.	(61)

SECOND DIVISION

Craigengower	(—)	v	*Hong Kong C.C.	(—)
Talkoo R.C.	(91)	v	Police R.C.	(45)
Kowloon B.G.C.	(66)	v	Civil Service C.C.	(60)
Kowloon Tong	(—)	v	*Kowloon C.C.	(—)
Kowloon F.C.	(—)	v	*Recreio	(—)

THIRD DIVISION

Prison O.C.	(—)	v	*Indian R.C.	(—)
H.K. Electric R.C.	(56)	v	Craigengower	(60)
Kowloon Football Club	(54)	v	Hong Kong F.C.	(67)
*Hong Kong C.C.	(—)	v	Kowloon B.G.C.	(—)

Figures in brackets denote the result of the corresponding game last year.

* Newcomers to this division.

LAWN BOWLS**TOUGH GAME EXPECTED
BETWEEN C.C.C. & C.S.C.C.**

(By "Skip")

AFTER LAST SATURDAY'S compulsory rest, lawn bowlers are anxious to get back into the fray again this afternoon and the weather prospects as I write seem favourable.

The Champions will be at home to Kowloon Dock and although the latter have put a team well up to the average, I think the King's Park Team should win quite comfortably.

The Civil Servants and Craigengower have usually had a tough game and there should be no exception to the rule to-day; the home team won the corresponding match last season although they lost badly away from home. Both sides are at full strength; Simmonds who has not previously played this season is turning out as lead to Fred Jones whose rink looks very strong. He is a more than useful lead and was in Jones' rink which won the "Open" in 1934, as, of course, was the third man, Arthur Grimmitt. Ground advantage should tell but I would not be surprised to hear of a Craigengower victory.

The pointless Kowloon Cricket Club receive Club de Recreio "B" and must be tipped to win by a small margin though I may be wrong. Easier to forecast should be the result of the game at Austin Road where Hong Kong Football Club can entertain little hope of gathering the points. Police visit Sookunpoo and I think may win by half a dozen shots.

Second Division

In Second Division Craigengower will be confident of the outcome of the game against Hong Kong Cricket Club, whose line-up has been considerably changed. Talkoo should have an easy match against the Police down at Quarry Bay, despite sundry changes in the visitors' team. McLeod, I see is to skip a rink, an unusual position for him.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club should have an equally easy task against the Civil Servants but Kowloon Tong will have to fight very hard to retain the points against Kowloon Cricket Club, for whom Willie Hyde is skipping a rink in place of Jimmy Jack, who is not available today. I fancy the Cox's Road men to win narrowly.

The best game in this division, though, should be at Chatham Road, where Kowloon Football Club are to

entertain Club de Recreio. The latter have the better record to date and in spite of playing away from home I think they will win. Field is available again and he takes Chittenden's place as skip, the latter going three to him and Atienza playing second man.

Third Division

In Third Division, Prison Officers are at home to the Indians and, in spite of the latter's recent success, I must tip the Stanley team to win comfortably.

There should be a closer game between the Electricians and Craigengower; the latter have won all their three games and, as they are playing at Ming Yuen, should be able to retain their 100 per cent record.

The two Football Clubs meet at Chatham Road and the changes which the home team have made should result in a small victory. Hong Kong Cricket Club receive Kowloon Bowling Green Club and are in for another beating I am afraid.

BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

In the remaining game of the First Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship at Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, W. Simpson, A. Eastman, P. Younghusband and V. Chittenden beat J. Gibson, R. Hughes, V. Atienza and W. Field by 18 shots to 13.

In the Open Pairs B. D. Evans and R. Hall beat H. Xavier and A. A. Lewis 23-18.



ARMY TENNIS

A programme of three First Division Army League tennis matches was played off at Sookunpo yesterday, after a long delay owing to the heavy rain throughout the whole of last week.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps scored a big victory over the Royal Army Service Corps, by beating the latter team 9 sets to nil.

R.A.O.C. v. R.A.S.C.
Emerson and Duffield (R.A.O.C.) beat Cpl. Martin and Pte. Gibbs 6-1
beat Pte. Andrews and L/Cpl. Young 6-1
beat Pte. King and L/Cpl. Sheridan 6-2
Capt. Bridge and Pte. Boocock (R.A.O.C.) beat Martin and Gibbs 6-4
beat Andrews and Young 6-2
beat King and Sheridan 6-1
Gardner and Stonor (R.A.O.C.) beat Martin and Gibbs 7-5
beat Andrews and Young 6-1
beat King and Sheridan 6-2

R.A. v. R.E.
The 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, lost to Royal Engineers by 2 sets to 7 in a First Division Army League tennis match.

Capt. Ingram and Sgt. Coughlin (R.A.) lost to Major Grose and Capt. Wilkinson 4-6
lost to S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Denyer 2-6
lost to S/Sgt. Mitchell and Spr. Elsley 1-6

LEAGUE TENNIS

E.C. FINCHER AND MRS. KEVAN WIN THREE SETS

THE C.R.C. GROUND being unfit and Hong Kong Cricket Club being unable to raise a team owing to Volunteer duties, only one match was played in Mixed Doubles Division of Hong Kong Tennis League yesterday.

Sgt. Meeking and Sgt. Louis (R.A.)	
lost to Grose and Wilkinson	..... 3-6
lost to Megson and Denyer	..... 5-7
lost to Mitchell and Elsley	..... 1-6
Lieut. Tevener and Sgt. Morgan (R.A.)	
lost to Grose and Wilkinson	..... 4-6
beat Megson and Denyer	..... 8-6
beat Mitchell and Elsley	..... 6-0
12TH R.A. v. R.A.M.C.	
Royal Army Medical Corps beat the 12th Regiment, Royal Artillery, by 8 sets to one, in a First Division Army League tennis match.	
Scould and McHarty (R.A.)	
lost to Smith and Harrison	..... 1-6
beat Webb and Milne	..... 6-4
lost to Mussan and Porker	..... 4-6
Smyth and Elliot (R.A.)	
lost to Smith and Harrison	..... 0-6
lost to Webb and Milne	..... 2-6
lost to Mussan and Porker	..... 3-6
Waller and Earl (R.A.)	
lost to Smith and Harrison	..... 2-6
lost to Webb and Milne	..... 1-6
lost to Mussan and Porker	..... 6-0

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4278	Inland Lot No. 3324, Ha Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,720	\$58	\$2,790



PUBLIC AUCTION

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Burj Building Lot No. 423.	Adjoining Garden, Lot No. 98, Repulse Bay Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 10,900	\$14	\$2,598



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of June, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st May, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2789, Junction of Shun Ning Road & Cheung Fat Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 4,760	\$68	\$2,386

APOLOGY.

On the 12th of June, 1940, we published a report dealing with the closure of Italian businesses in Hong Kong, at the conclusion of which we stated as follows:

"The other business firms run by the Italians such as and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., are also being watched and closed by the Authorities."

We hereby admit and agree that Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., registered in England, and its subsidiaries, Marconi (China) Ltd., registered in Hong Kong, and Marconi International Marine Communication Co. Ltd., registered in England, are British companies entirely managed and controlled by British subjects and are not in any way whatsoever Italian businesses or managed or controlled by Italians. We also admit that there is no truth whatsoever in the statement that these companies are being watched and closed by the Authorities.

We hereby tender our deep apologies to these Companies for these false and damaging statements and unreservedly withdraw such statements.

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THE LAST HOURS OF PARIS

Somewhere in France, To-day.
WELL-INFORMED FRENCH circles confirm that the German entry into Paris began yesterday morning.

The last scenes in the capital before the Germans marched in are described by Reuter's correspondent, who left only a few hours before.

A few soldiers and a number of civilians wandered about, apparently aimlessly, though order in the city was perfect.

In the outlying quarters, housewives were shopping at the only baker's shop open in the West End. The only authorities remaining in the

city were Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, officials of the essential services and of the Prefecture, Gardes Mobiles and firemen.

There was no sound of gunfire or bombs, but efforts to drive out of Paris even with an official permit were made very difficult by the few guards on duty.

The railway stations have been closed for the past three days as all rail transport was reserved for the military.

Lorry Of Wounded

All roads out of the city were crowded with evacuees. In the Central Market, "I met a lorry full of wounded men who had been evacuated three times and then told to make their way out as quickly as possible on foot.

Many of them had undressed wounds as there were no bandages available and only a very restricted medical service was still functioning.

—Reuter.

GUILDER RATE FIXED

London, To-day.

The Treasury announce on behalf of the British, French and Netherlands authorities that as foreshadowed in the communiqué of June 8, a tripartite monetary agreement was signed on Thursday between the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands establishing the official rate of exchange between the Netherlands East Indies guilder and the pound sterling of 7.60 guilders to the pound.

Arrangements have also been made covering on the same basis relations with the currencies of the Netherlands West Indies.—Reuter.

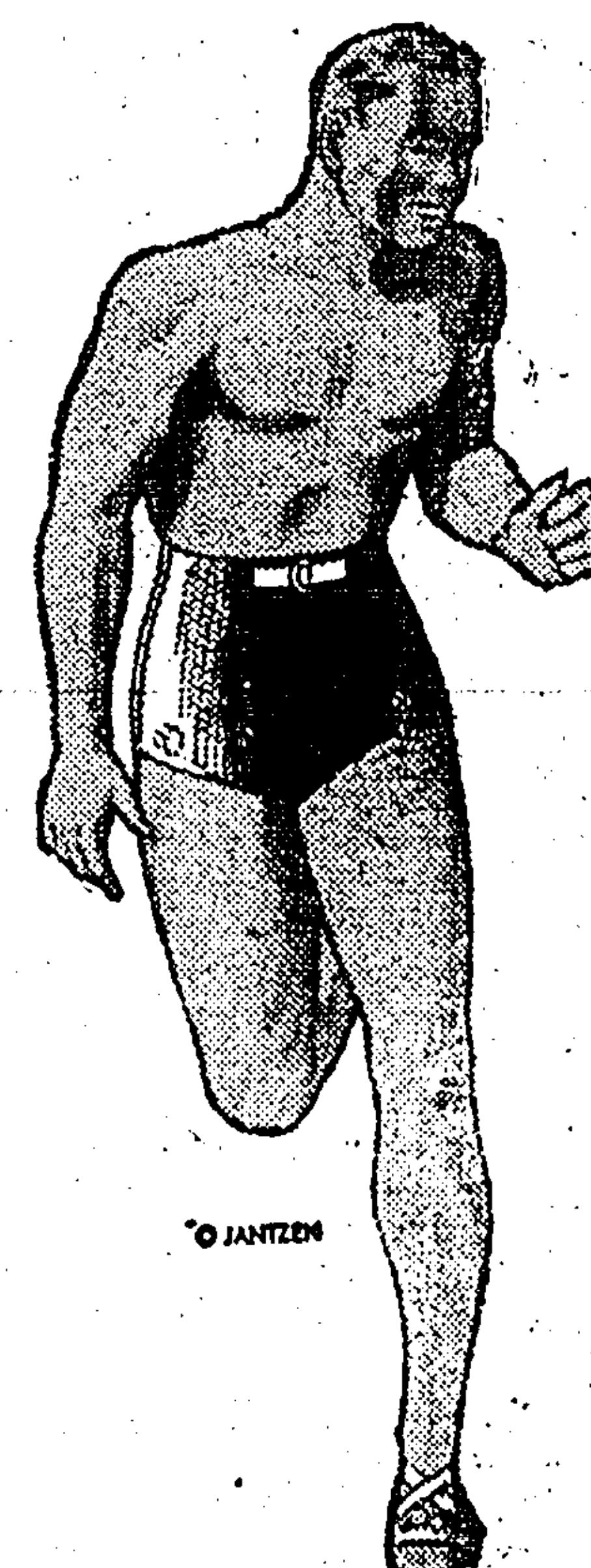
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They are said to have advanced this distance both east and west of the city.—Reuter.

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